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BIDEN SOLIDIFIES VICTORY IN US PREZ RACE WITH GEORGIA WIN

President-elect Joe Biden has won Georgia, major US outlets have projected, bringing the 2020 presidential race to a close

RARE TRIUMPH IN REPUBLICAN BASTION

After Bill Clinton in 1992, Biden is the first Democratic nominee to triumph in Georgia, as per the projections by CNN. The former vice-president has struck at the heart of what has been a Republican presidential stronghold for nearly three decades, it said. According to NBC News, Biden's margin in his apparent victory over Trump in the state was 14,152 votes | **P9**

REPUBLICANS FACE COURT SETBACKS

- Upholding the three-day extension in view of the pandemic, a court rejected the Republican Party's efforts to block 9,300 mail-in ballots that arrived after Election Day in Pennsylvania
- The Trump campaign has filed more than 15 legal challenges in Pennsylvania, seeking to reclaim the state's 20 electoral votes

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ELECTORAL VOTES BAGGED BY BIDEN ARE JUST AS MANY AS TRUMP'S IN 2016 POLLS

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A TRADITION OF DIWALI WITH SOLDIERS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been celebrating Diwali with soldiers at forward posts since 2014. He was in Rajouri last year, in Uttarakhand in 2018, and in Gurez in 2017. "It is important that the coming generations know about the bravery with which our soldiers and security forces ensured that India is safe from the evil designs of those who eyed our territory," Modi tweeted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi rides on an Army tank at the Longewala Post in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, on Saturday | PTI

PM: IF TESTED, INDIA WILL GIVE 'PRACHAND JAWAB'

Greeting soldiers, Modi gives veiled warning to hostile neighbours

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DELIVERING an unambiguous message to India's enemies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asserted that the country will give a "prachand jawab" (fierce reply) if provoked, as he flew to Longewala Post in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district to celebrate Diwali with soldiers, a tradition he has been following since assuming office in 2014.

Modi addressed soldiers at the historic Longewala post, which is the stuff of military legend after troops here successfully thwarted numerically higher Pakistani forces in the 1971 war. He said that there will be no compromise when it comes to border security. Without naming China, he targeted the neighbouring country for its expansionist policy, saying it exposes a "distorted mindset" that belongs to the 18th century. India has become a voice against forces of expansionism, he said, taking an aim at Pakistan. Indian soldiers have hit "sponsors of terrorism" in their home, referring to air and surgical strikes against terror camps in the neighbouring country.

"I have brought the greetings and love of every Indian to you. All of you are entitled to a lot of respect. In 2014, I went to Siachen after becoming the Prime Minister to celebrate Diwali and many people were surprised. One visits their loved ones on Diwali. That is why even today, I have come among my family members. Whether you live in the snowy hills or in the desert, seeing the glow on your faces makes my Diwali auspicious," the PM said.

"No force in the world can prevent our brave soldiers from defending our borders. The world today knows that we will not compromise with our interests even one bit at any cost," he said.

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(With inputs from PTI)

Not a happy Deepavali for SRTC staffers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru/Belagavi

NOT everyone is celebrating Deepavali this year. Close to 1.5 lakh employees working with four state road transport corporations (SRTCs) have not got their salaries on time since March when the Covid-19 pandemic broke out.

The KSRTC Union had requested the State Government to pay at least a part of the salary so that the employees could celebrate the festival of lights. But the amount was not sanctioned. Since the salaries were not cleared on Saturday, the employees will not be paid till Tuesday, as the banks are closed till then. Recently, SRTCs had asked the government to release Rs 634 crore to pay the salaries till December.

Mahesh (name changed), a KSRTC driver, said that before March, employees got their salaries on the first of every month. "Now, we are paid between 15th and 20th of every month. We have families and other expenses. So, we end up taking loans from friends and financiers," he said.

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IT City rides Aatmanirbhar wave, eyes $300bn by 2025

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA's Silicon Valley, Bengaluru, is undergoing a makeover from a software services exporter to a product development hub, as global firms set foot in the city. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan believes that the Aatmanirbhar (self-reliance) policy pronounced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the foundation on which this transformation takes place.

"From an IT services exporters hub, we are now an attractive destination for product development," Narayan told *TNSE* in an exclusive interaction. He underlined the importance of R&D, resources, manpower and regulatory support for overseeing this transformation.

Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan at an interaction at the TNIE office in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

He said the state is aiming at a $300-billion digital market by 2025 on the back of Aatmanirbhar. Various initiatives, including Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, Vision Group for Startups, state's ESDM policy, Beyond Bengaluru tech development and a supportive regulatory framework will help achieve this mission. "We expect to contribute at least 30% to the country's target of achieving a $1-trillion economy by 2025," he stated.

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Draft OFC policy out soon, says Deputy CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state IT&BT Department is coming up with a draft optical fibre cable (OFC) policy in coordination with the Urban Development and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Departments to improve internet connectivity across the state.

Under the new policy, the single-window system will be introduced which will allow service providers to get all required approvals at one place, said Deputy Chief Minister and Information Technology and Biotechnology Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan.

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EXPRESS READ

ED Director's tenure extended by one year

New Delhi: The Centre has extended the tenure of ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra by a year after modifying his 2018 appointment order. **P7**

Delhi's air quality 'severe' on Diwali

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality turned "severe" on Diwali with stubble burning accounting for 32 per cent of the city's PM2.5 pollution, officials said. **P7**

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#CelebrateThisDiwaliLikeAChild #GiftToHumanKind
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DR. K V SATISH, CHAIRMAN

happy Deepavali

Embrace the child in you!

What's the fondest memory of a festival in your childhood? The delicacies, new clothes, the laughter shared among cousins amidst all the chaos, the vibrant home and above everything, the joy of being together! All of these were felt because you were present at the moment. And truly present.

This Deepavali, may we relish every moment, cherish our loved ones, celebrate the little things, express gratitude, experience causeless happiness, look to the future with hope renewed and relearn the art of being present. Truly.

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Thunderstorms. Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise	6.18 am
Sunset	5.50 pm
Moonrise	6.10 am
Moonset	6.06 pm

BRIDGING THE GAP

How a hole in a boat led to the emergence of Bridge Man of India

FABRICATION WORKS

After completing his engineering from PES College, Mandya in mid 1970s, Bharadwaj had dreamt of becoming an MD of some factory. But his father who was an agriculturist, encouraged him to aspire to become an employer and provide jobs to others rather than being just an employee under someone. Thus, he set up Rational Engineering Works in Sullia which carried out general fabrication works and manufactured farm machinery

Gudaari in Odisha

Kanive in Kodagu, Karnataka

Fern Hill in Ooty, Tamil Nadu

IN NUMBERS

Bharadwaj has built

95

bridges in seven districts of **Karnataka**

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in **Kerala**

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in **Telangana**

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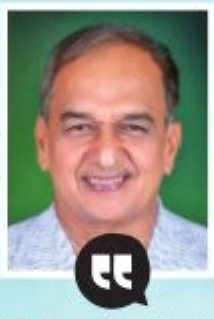
in **Odisha**

One more in **Telangana** is under progress now



The happiness that I used to see in the faces of villagers when the bridge is ready is indescribable. Their love and affection made me work for them. People used to touch my feet with reverence. I feel good when people say how the bridges have given a new life to them and has helped children to go to schools and elders to work

— Girish Bharadwaj

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

FOR him, it was not a bridge too far. Though a mechanical engineer, he learnt -- that too by chance -- that one can transform lives by building bridges. In the last three decades, he has built over 130 such structures, the latest one being built in Telangana.

Girish Bharadwaj (70), fondly called the Bridge Man, is seen as a messiah by many villages. His journey started with a hole in the bottom of a boat.

For decades, the poor people of Aramburu, a remote village in Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada, were dependent on a country boat to cross the Payaswini river to reach the mainland for all their work. But whenever the only boat developed a hole in the bottom, the village used to come to a standstill until it was fixed or a new boat was built.

Fed up, in 1989, the villagers decided to find a permanent solution to their perennial problem and approached Girish Bharadwaj, a young graduate in mechanical engineering who was running a fabrication unit, with a request to construct a footbridge to tide over the crisis. Initially, Bharadwaj laughed at the villagers' innocent belief that all engineers can build bridges. But he finally decided to give it a shot after the villagers refused to believe that a mechanical engineer can't build bridges and also seeing their pathetic situation.

With the help of engineering friends from other streams and referring to books on bridges, he designed a plan for a low-cost hanging bridge. It was a crowd-pooling project with some villagers even offering 'shramdaan'. Apart from other labour costs and sponsored construction materials, the project cost less than Rs 2 lakh. The villagers were immensely happy as the bridge ushered in a new life.

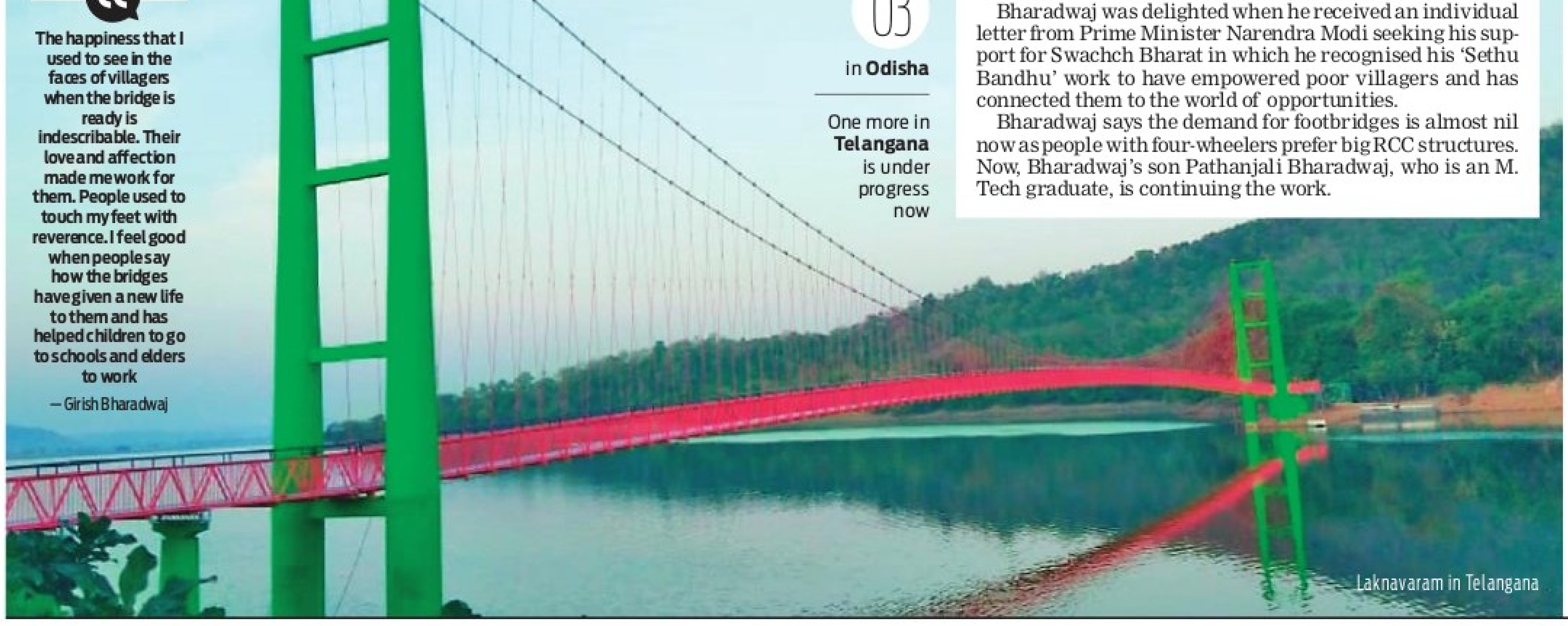
Months later, the economical bridge caught the attention of a senior government official who had flown to Mangaluru from Bengaluru on some work and he called him. After going through the bridge design, the official requested Bharadwaj to join hands with the government in providing connectivity to several isolated villages in Malnad and the coastal region. The journey thus started took him to various parts of Karnataka and even Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha where he built more than 130 bridges in over 30 years and became popular as the Bridge Man of India. His contribution to the rural empowerment was recognised by the government and he was bestowed with the Padma Shri in 2017.

Bharadwaj said he adopted the technology of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and Japan's Akashi Kaikyo, both suspension bridges and considered marvels of modern engineering, and simplified it to suit the local needs. His suspension bridges are cost-effective compared to conventional ones. Though they are built as a matter of temporary solution to last for 10-20 years, many of them have stood in good condition even after the estimated life. Also, the bridges saw advancements in designs over the years.

With his work, Bharadwaj has also built bridges in the hearts of several villagers as they consider him as a messiah who lifted them from their miseries. In most of the work sites, he and his team of 30-40 workers pitch camp till the work that takes 3-6 months, is completed. While a majority of bridges are government-sponsored, there are a few, constructed with funds pooled by the villagers. For such projects, he offers his services for free. In some cases, when the project could not be completed due to lack of funds, Bharadwaj has spent from his pocket to complete it.

Bharadwaj was delighted when he received an individual letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his support for Swachch Bharat in which he recognised his 'Sethu Bandhu' work to have empowered poor villagers and has connected them to the world of opportunities.

Bharadwaj says the demand for footbridges is almost nil now as people with four-wheelers prefer big RCC structures. Now, Bharadwaj's son Pathanjali Bharadwaj, who is an M. Tech graduate, is continuing the work.



Laknavaram in Telangana

Glimpses of bright Diwali celebrations of Banjaras

Banjaras celebrating Diwali in Gadag

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

THE Banjaras' Diwali is as colourful as their life and costumes. For the Banjaras living in some hamlets of Gadag district, the festival of lights is a unique, eight-day celebration, where tradition, ancestors and togetherness is the key. For them, Diwali is New Year.

This year, Covid has affected normal life across the globe, and this has trickled down to disrupting Diwali celebrations in the villages as well. Worried about their health while not wanting to give up the celebrations, the villagers spoke to members of the gram panchayat on how to go about the festivities. GP members then approached the taluk administration in Mundargi and Lakshmeshwar, which okayed the celebrations while keeping the Covid protocols in mind.

A GP member from Nagavi, says, "We have allowed them to go ahead, but they will have to adhere to some norms, such as wearing masks and maintaining social distance. They visit houses in large numbers, but this time, we have told them not to form crowd. The villagers have agreed."

The women of the community meet every day to practise dance routines before the eight-day gala. The dances are performed on all days during Diwali. On the first day, they visit the house of the community leader to perform puja. After this, they start visiting other houses in the village and perform poojas at each and every one. On Amavasya, which is the new moon day, nearly 50 villagers gather and visit all the 400 houses in the village to perform Lakshmi pooja. This pooja is special – the names of ancestors and current community members are recited for blessings.

Suresh Lamani, a villager from Adrahalli, says, "This is a unique festival. All the women in the village visit each and every house. While it takes effort, this tradition is what brings us together, and we want to pass it on to future generations."

Lalappa Lamani, a villager from Doni, says they try and ensure their celebrations are eco-friendly. "We teach our children the importance of an environment-friendly Diwali. We also focus on paying homage to our ancestors, and this is what we pass on to our children too."

Bhoj Raj Rathode, a villager from Gadag says Banjaras in Gadag and some parts of North Karnataka celebrate Diwali in a grand way. "Remembering our ancestors is an integral part of the celebrations. Our children should know about our ancestors. These traditions keep us united," he says.

On the occasion of Bali Padyami -- the fourth day -- all the young boys, girls and women from the community go to the fields and collect flowers, groundnut, jowar, cow dung, etc, which is arranged in front of their houses before sunrise. The village head, known as Naik, will then perform poojas at all houses for the good health and prosperity of the community. Elders of the village visit houses that have had deaths that particular year, paying condolences and giving some solace to the family in their time of grief.

Post the Diwali celebrations, the villagers get together for a long sharing session, where they discuss grievances, people who have broken rules, any new births and deaths in the village, and other important matters. The community auditor also collates and shares how much is spent on the festival.

PASSING IT ON

Elderly women teach the younger ones how to stitch their own clothes for the festival season, from the phetiya (skirt), kanchali (blouse), kurta (top), and chantiya (veil). They also wear some special accessories that they make themselves like topli (hair clips worn by married women), haasli (necklaces made of coins), bhuriya (nose rings), etc.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Private schools fleecing us, fees unreasonable: Protesting parents

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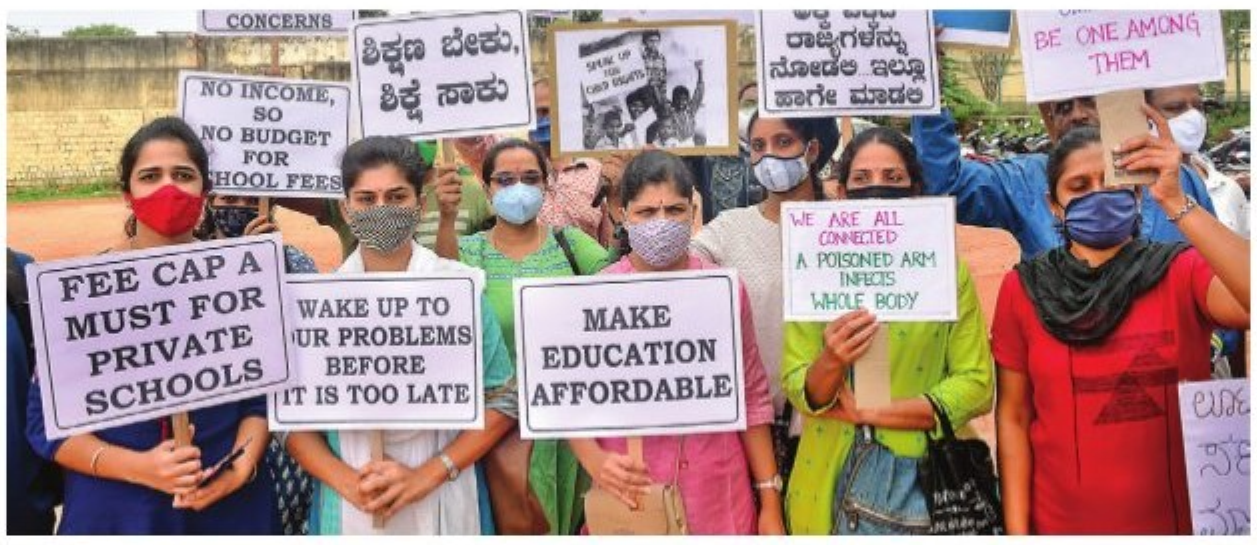
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WE ARE ALL CONNECTED A POISONED ARM INFECTS WHOLE BODY

Parents stage a protest demanding reduced fee in private schools at Freedom Park on Saturday | **ASHISHKRISHNA HP**

ON Children's Day, more than 200 parents from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) schools from Bengaluru and parts of the state, protested against schools allegedly collecting unreasonable fees. The parents who gathered at Freedom Park, said they had no other go but make themselves heard, as there is an understanding that the state cannot interfere in the functioning of these schools unless it's a matter of children's safety.

This comes at a time when students are denied access to online classes for not paying their second term fees. Nor are these institutions allowing them to pay the fees quarterly, parents allege.

"We are not fighters who want to go out on a protest," said Ganesh Poojary, a parent whose son in grade two was cut off from online classes at a school in Chikkabanavara for non-payment of fees since September.

"The concept of online classes started as a measure to maintain learning continuity and keep children mentally engaged and active," said Poojary. But suddenly the whole focus was shifted to fees, denying mental health to the very same students, he added.

Another parent said the school where his child studies removed activity fee from the first term fees after he complained about it to authorities. But it was listed in the second term fees, he said. It was a shocker for parents who were seeking a 30-35 per cent reduction in fees since facilities were not being used.

Poojary said that while in private schools, all paraphernalia comes in by March, the CBSE school in which his child studies, the one textbook that the state government gives – Kanada Kali – comes in by August-September. Some parents said private schools were resorting to unfair practices by charging fees for facilities not used.

Parents signed a petition and will submit it to the government on Monday. Their grievances include increase in tuition fees, schools refusing quarterly payment of fees, charging for online portal access, demanding second term fees for uninterrupted classes.

Extend exam duration for student with chronic health condition: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court has declined to consider a 16-year-old student's request to issue directions to the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) to treat his performance in the preparatory examination as the final one as he is a chronic patient of 'Osteogenesis Imperfecta'. But it has directed the Board to extend to the petitioner and other similarly circumstanced candidates an additional two hours during the final exams of 10th standard. The discretion lies with the authorities to grant extension keeping in view the degree of disability, the court said.

Justice Krishna S Dixit passed the order after hearing a petition of a student of a Bengaluru school. The petitioner is a chronic patient of 'Osteogenesis Imperfecta' with 75 per cent physical disability. The disease mainly affects the bones which will break easily.

Justice Dixit said that according to the provisions of the KSEEB Act, the Board cannot dispense with the final exam whatever the circumstances. At the same time, the court cannot turn Nelson's Eye to the sufferings of the students who are stuck with this disease that lasts for life, the judge said.

EXPRESS READ

Fee hike: Students' forum flays state govt

Bengaluru: The forum of medical and dental students, Ehite Sparks, has condemned the state government's decision to increase the medical and dental education fees in private colleges. The fees in government quota seats in private colleges has been increased by 15 per cent and for institutional seats by 25 per cent. MBBS students under the government quota will have to pay Rs 1.28 lakh and those under insitutional quota will have to pay Rs 9.81 lakh. **ENS**

HOME-GOING

A large number of people gather at the KSRTC bus station in Bengaluru on Saturday as they wait to board buses to go home for Deepavali | **SHRIRAM B N**

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24% of people are borderline diabetic: Study

In the 50-plus age group, 68% are prediabetic; Lifestyle, diet crucial factors

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A study done on 4,A study conducted on 4,53,854 people across five cities -- Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kochi and Hyderabad -- by Neurberg Diagnostics found that 24 per cent of the people were prediabetic, ie borderline diabetic.

November 14 is World Diabetes Day. The study, done between October 2018 and October 2020, assessed their fasting blood sugar levels and observed that among those over 50 years of age, prevalence was highest at 68 per cent. This was followed by the 36 to 50 age group, with 24 per cent, and 8 per cent in the under-35 age group.

In Bengaluru, out of 3,37,307 people tested, 81,075 were prediabetic, with the highest number of people (55,111) falling in the over-50 age group. The study also found that more men than women were pre-diabetic as well as diabetic.

Dr Sujay Prasad, medical director, Neuberg Diagnostics, said, "Before becoming diabetic, a healthy person goes through a stage of prediabetes, lasting a few months to a couple of years, depending on lifestyle and diet. During the prediabetes stage, blood sugar is elevated, but not enough to satisfy international criteria. This awareness will help persons with prediabetes manage sugar levels and prevent them from becoming diabetic. Regular monitoring is a sure way of becoming aware if one is prediabetic."

The study found that about 0.32% of prediabetics were in the 0-18 age group. On this, Dr Prasad added, "Prediabetes can develop at any age, however, with advanced age, risk becomes higher."

There are no symptoms in prediabetes, which makes it as much of a silent killer as diabetes. It can be reversed with diet, exercise and weight loss, provided the person does not gain the weight back. "Blood sugar from food needs to be pushed into muscles, liver and fat, which is done by insulin. But when there is too much blood sugar, it spills into the blood. The body produces more and more insulin, while the organs develop insulin resistance. Excess blood sugar then settles around the belly. This leads to fatty liver in men and PCOD in women. Insulin resistance leads to weight gain," said Dr Ritessh V Raj, consultant diabetologist, Neuberg Anand Reference Laboratory. Organs such as kidney, eyes, as well as, the nervous system cannot resist insulin and then get affected.

Bengalureans buy green crackers for Diwali at stalls set up in Rajajinagar, on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

Eye hospitals report zero firecracker injuries this year

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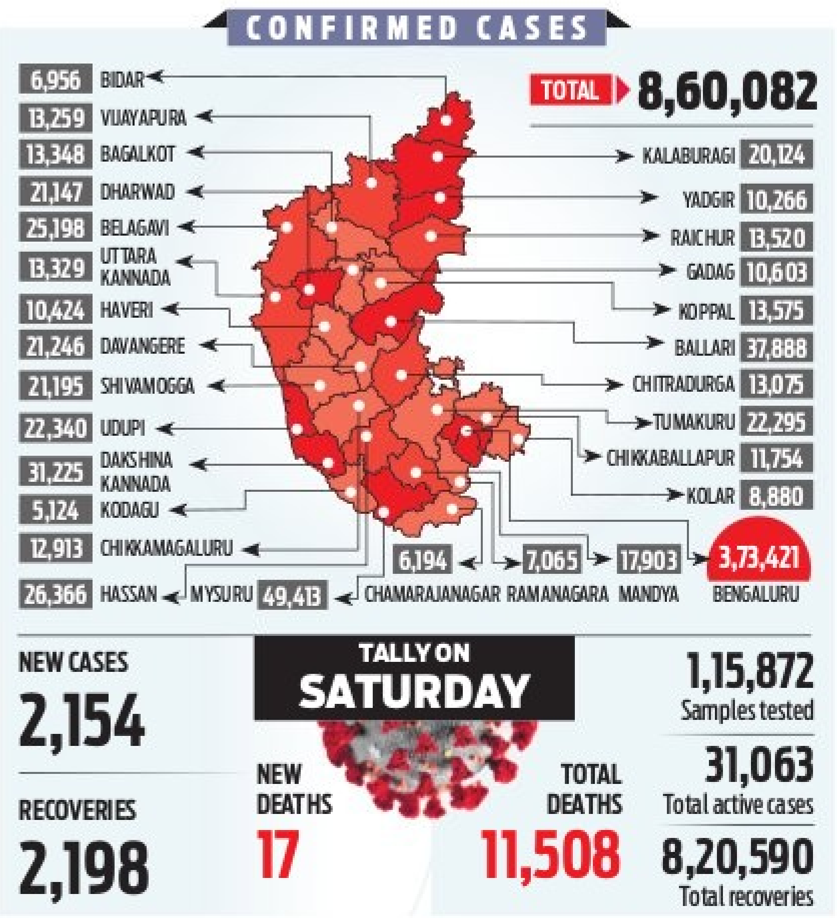
ON THE first day of Deepavali, no cracker-related injuries were reported from Minto Eye Hospital, which is part of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute. The hospital usually sees a number of such cases every year during this time. As of 9.30 pm, *TNSE* checked with 12 other private and government hospitals and they too had not reported any firecracker injuries. Usha BK, chief operating officer of Shekar Eye Hospital, said the hospital reported no such cases on Saturday.

"There are fewer people bursting crackers this year and people are taking safety precautions as well. We had 4-5 cases since morning, none of which were related to firecracker injuries. During Deepavali last year, we had 12 cases of children suffering burns, redness, foreign particles entering the eye, one case of corneal tear and one case of eyelid tear caused by crackers. All the cases at Shekar Hospital were in the 9 to 14 age group, of which three people were bystanders," she said.

She recommended precautionary measures while bursting firecrackers, such as avoiding tight clothing, wearing cotton clothes, using longer incense sticks and keeping a bucket of water nearby.

This year, the Karnataka government initially banned the sale and use of firecrackers, only to withdraw the rule later on. It said only green crackers would be allowed. These can be identified through the distinct green logo of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation (PESO), as well as a QR code.



No more Covid patients in ICUs in Karkala

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@ Udupi

IN a major relief to the Karkala taluk administration, no Covid-19 patients are currently being treated in the ICU of the taluk government hospital. Robust surveillance and strict enforcement of Covid-19 protocol by the taluk administration seems to have yielded good results in the fight against the spread of the virus.

All 137 Covid-positive patients admitted in the government hospital's ICU have recovered and were discharged. On Wednesday, two patients, who recovered from Covid were discharged.

There were no patients admitted in the ICU on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. After the taluk government hospital in Karkala was made a designated Covid-19 hospital on May 25, 990 Covid patients have been treated so far.

In the initial days of the pandemic, 36 quarantine centres were opened and 37,000 people who came from outside the district and the state were quarantined. This helped contain the spread of the virus, sources in the health department said.

"Primary and secondary contacts of the Covid-positive people were traced and tested. The symptomatic patients were asked to remain in quarantine till their swab test results were out. This ensured that the virus spread was contained," sources in the Karkala taluk health office said.

Udupi Deputy Commissioner G Jagadish said the efforts of doctors in Karkala taluk to contain the spread of the virus should be appreciated.

Tough testing students in 3 days: Officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

DEGREE colleges across the district are making brisk preparations to reopen from November 17, but health officials say it's not possible to conduct Covid tests and provide results in just three days.

Over 15,000 students are studying at various degree colleges and are pursuing courses at old University of Mysore. With just three days left for the commencement of classes, many students who had gone back home are now returning to the city.

With the state government making it mandatory for all students to undergo Covid tests before attending classes, health department sources said it's tough testing all students so fast. "With festivities ongoing and mobile teams deputed at major public places, it is tough to test all the students within the stipulated time. We are deploying teams to conduct testing at colleges upon request from the management," said a health department staffer.

District health officer T Amarnath said they are testing final-year UG and PG students first. "We are sending mobile teams to colleges to carry out tests. Amid festivities, it is not possible to test all students — it might take a few more days. Students who are in a hurry to get tested can visit their nearest primary health care centre," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Bail for Alliance varsity's former chancellor

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC granted bail to Sudhir Angur, former chancellor of Alliance University, who is an accused in the former V-C Ayyappa Dore's murder case. The bail is on medical grounds. Justice P S Dinesh Kumar passed the order and said the petitioner should submit details of his admission in hospital. **ENS**

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By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that my client **Ms. RANJINI GOPINATH @ RANJINI NAIR** D/o Late P. I. Gopalan Nair, aged about 65 years, residing at: Villa No. 10, Adarsh Palm Meadows-II Extension, R. Narayanapura Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 036 is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property herein below and she lost Page No. 10 of Original Sale Deed dated 30-03-2007, registered as Document No. KRI-1-36023/2006-07, Book-1, stored in C. D. No. KRID295, dated 30-03-2007, in the office of the Sub Registrar, K. R. Puram, Bangalore and our client has lodged the Complaint before the Jurisdictional Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police on 13-11-2020 vide Lost Report No. 146332/2020. If anyone find the same please contact the address mentioned herein below.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Plot Sl. No. 10, Khatha No. 121/767 in "PALM MEADOWS– II EXTENSION" carved out of Survey No. 36, converted Vide Conversion Order No.B.Dis/ALN/SR/(E)/59/04-05, dated 26-07-2004, situated at: R.Narayanapura Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore measuring on the **East: 62'2", West: 77'10", North: 50'1"+ 24'8" and South: 77'2" totally measuring 5357.42 Sq. Ft** with residential building **measuring 4406 Sq. Ft** consisting Ground and First Floor and bounded on the:

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Sd/-
A. YOGASREE,
SIDDAPPAJI. S, *Advocates*
No.706, 'B, Wing, 7th Floor, Mittal Tower,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that our client, Sri B.S. Hariprasad S/o M S Srinivasa Murthy, Aged about 52 years, Residing at No.252, Sri Mahalakshmi Nilaya, Karubele, Sri Vijaylakshmi Enclave, Kengeri, Kumabalgoodu, Bangalore-560060, is the absolute owner of property in **Survey No. 123/1, measuring 0-13 gunta and Survey No. 123/2 measuring 0-22 gunta**. The description of the same is more fully given in the schedule hereunder and for convenience same is referred to as Schedule Property.

My client has lost/misplaced the original title deed / "Sale Deed" dated 22.07.2004 executed by Smt. Eramma & others in favour of Sri. Indresh & Sri Ramesh, and same has been duly registered os Documents No. 16376/2004-05, in the office of Sub-Registrar Kengeri, Bangalore.

With regard to misplaced / lost sale deed, our client has lodged complaint before the Thalagattapura Police Station dated 01.04.2015, and same was registered as complaint No. LPT/160/TGPS/2015.

How ever now our client has recently traced the sale deed above and same is my clients custody.

In view of the above, it is hereby called upon the general public that the said sale deed is available and to inform the general public with regard to availability of the document present notice is given.

SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Survey No. 123/1, measuring 0-13 gunta and Survey No. New Sy.No. 123/2, measuring 0-22 gunta situated at Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on:

East by: Road, West by : Property belongs to Muninanjappa and Choudappa, North by: Property belongs to Eramma same Survey Number, South by: Property belongs to Sriramachandrappa.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Bangalore under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (2) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.08.2020** calling upon the borrower **M/s.Hotel Vijay,** No.230, Vijaya Complex, B D Road, Chitradurga – 577501 represented by its partners Sri.K S Arun Kumar and Smt.Manjula Arun Kumar both residing at the address # 1128, "Sree Nilaya", Chickpet, Chitradurga – 577501 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3,40,29,575/-** (Rupees Three Crores Forty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five Only) as on **31.07.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **10th day of November 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** Shankarmutt Road, Branch, Shankarpuram, Bangalore-560004 for an amount of **Rs.3,40,29,575/-** (Rupees Three Crores Forty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five Only) as on **31.07.2020** plus interest from **01.08.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE : (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY) : All that Piece and Parcel of the land with dwelling houses and outhouses, Wells, Trees and Drains thereon built and planted and situated and floors/outhouses hereinafter to be built, planted together with all rights and easements pertaining thereto and hereafter enjoyed and acquired bearing municipal khatha No.230, assessment No.7551/6331/A & 7551A/6331B, KSRTC Bus Depot to Government Science College area B D Road, Ward No.34, V Block, Chitradurga Town, Chitradurga, measuring 104 x (174 + 100)/2 feet in all measuring 14248 Sq Ft with building thereon and bounded on the East by : Vacant site belongs to Aishwarya Bar & LIC building, West by : Property belongs to Health and Social welfare department, North by : B. D. Road, South by : Vacant site.

Date: 10.11.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004.
Phone No.: 080-22956419/ 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

Borrower Name and Address: **1) Smt. Jayamma L,** No.45/1, 15th Main, 50 Feet Road, Muneshwara Block, Bangalore – 560 026. **2) Sri. Hemanth Kumar, S/o.Jayamma L,** No.45/1, 15th Main, 50 Feet Road, Muneshwara Block, Bangalore – 560 026.

We **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Rajarajeshwarinagar Branch, Bangalore,** had at your request granted you No.1 to No.2 various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance to you No.1 to No. 2 have created security interest in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Rajarajeshwarinagar Branch Bangalore** interalia, by way of Hypothecation of Movable Properties / Mortgage of immovable properties by executing necessary security Documents / agreements. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreements and documents entered into by you all with **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreements / Documents and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreements and Documents. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has been classified as a Non Performing Asset on **07-05-2014** consequent to the default committed by you No 1 to No. 2 in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co- Operative Bank Ltd.,** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs. 81,44,924/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on 30-09-2020** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum of **Rs. 81,44,924/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on 30-09-2020** together with further interest thereon with effect from **01-10-2020** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings / auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

The demand notice sent through RPAD on 28-10-2020 to the borrower and Guarantor has returned undelivered with a shara "addressee left" / "Unclaimed" "No information about present address" hence the present demand notice has been advertised through newspaper.

The earlier Demand Notice sent on 13-11-2014 stands withdrawn.

The loan details as follows: ANNEXURE-I

Sl. No.	A/c No.	Sanction Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 30/09/2020 repayable by you
1	IPLCON1/10	43,12,000/-	**Rs. 81,44,924/-** (together with further interest thereon with effect from **01-10-2020** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

ANNEXURE-II SCHEDULE (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No. 144, new No. 9/4-144, VP Khatha No.9, Assessment No. 4 and BBMP Khatha No. 341/9/4/144, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet together with building thereon consisting of Ground, First and Second floor in all measuring 1200 Sq Ft together with all rights and appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows: **East by :** Property No. 145, **West by :** Property No. 143, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property No. 147.

Date : 28-10-2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Op Bank Limited

Virender Khanna, an accused in the Sandalwood drugs case, allegedly used seven different email IDs and his accomplices tried to hack the them and destroy evidence, while he was in police custody.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

‘INDUSTRIES SLOWLY RECOVERING FROM COVID IMPACT’

FKCCI president Perikal M Sundar says situation should reach near-normal in the next six months

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

INDUSTRIES that were severely hit by the Covid-19 induced lockdown are on the road to recovery, and a number of initiatives announced by the Central and State governments, too, are helping them recover from the impact of the pandemic. Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) president Perikal M Sundar says that though industries are now operating at 40 to 60 per cent of their capacity, the situation is improving and by March 2021, is expected to reach around 80 per cent. He attributes the improvement to policy decisions and increased demand in the market. Excerpts from an interview.

How is the situation now?
Industries are operating at 40 to 60 per cent of their capacity, and production is increasing every month. Our expectation is that by March 2021, they will reach around 80 per cent of capacity. Exports are not much, but consumption within the country is good. In the next six months, it should reach regular production of pre-Covid times. Central and state government policies have helped.

Which sectors are doing well, and which sectors are yet to pick up?
All consumer-packaged goods, including packaged food items, are doing good. The hospitality sector is also slowly picking up, but the Covid scare still prevails. The number of people within the state visiting tourist places is good, but inter-state tourists are still not coming. The hospitality sector may see around 20 per cent jump after Deepavali, and during Christmas and New Year celebrations.

During the lockdown, migrant workers had returned to their states. Have they returned?
A majority of migrant workers and those working in the hospitality sector in Karnataka are from Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and other states. Around 50 per cent of the migrant workforce has returned. I don’t think all of those who had returned to their states during the lockdown will return to Karnataka, as their states are also taking several measures to improve their economy and are giving loans up to Rs 10 lakh. Around 20 per cent of workers may stay back in their states.

Which sectors are driving good GST collection?
Many industries that had stopped production (during the lockdown) have restarted operations. Small scale industries, consumer packaged goods, including food packaging, is doing good, and the hospitality sector is slowly growing. Textile and garment industry is yet to pick up. Since there are restrictions on gathering of a large number of people for functions, demand is yet to pick up. This too will improve slowly, and GST collection will further pick up.

How do you look at employment opportunities?
Definitely there is a lot of scope for employment generation in Karnataka. We are expecting more industries to come to Karnataka, especially after a number of initiatives taken by the state government, including amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act. In one or two years, Karnataka will be among the top three states in India as policies are good, the government is pro-industry, and considers suggestions or demands made by industry for ease of doing business.

Industries expressed concern over the power tariff hike...
Yes, we did express concern over increase in power tariff and have taken it up with Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar. They have to rollback the hike and shouldn’t increase it for the next two years due to the pandemic. Shettar has assured us that he will take it up with the CM. I hope the state government withdraws it.

Central and state governments have announced many measures to revive the economy...
Initiatives announced by the Central and State governments are helping industry, and in the revival of the economy. I hope everything stabilises within the next six months and India will be the first country in the world to witness economic revival post the pandemic.

Water release for irrigation till March 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bagalkot/Vijayapura

THE Irrigation Consultative Committee has decided to release the water from both Narayanpur and Almatti dams for irrigation purpose in the Krishna River Catchment areas till March 21, 2021.

The meeting held on Friday evening was chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, who is also the chairman of the committee. MLAs of different districts that come under the catchment areas were present.

Karjol told the media that a separate regulation has been fixed for the release of water from Narayanpur Reservoir, where water would be released for 14 days and suspension of service for next eight days. However, the regulation will be different for Almatti dam where water through canals will be discharged for eight days and no discharge for seven days for maintaining the regulation.”

After the release of water on a regulated basis for irrigation purpose for Kharif season till November 17, both the dams will have around 116.33 tmcft of water. Around 38.80 tmcft of water is required till June 2021 for drinking purpose and other uses. Therefore, around 77.53 tmcft of water can be utilised for irrigation purposes, said Karjol.

Cabinet rejig: CM may visit Delhi next week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CM BS Yediyurappa pays tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary at Vidhana Soudha on Saturday | EXPRESS

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa is likely to visit Delhi next week to discuss the cabinet expansion with BJP national president J P Nadda and other party central leaders. He is waiting for the dates as the national leaders are focusing on the formation of government in Bihar.

Sources from the Chief Minister’s office said that the CM is waiting for an appointment from the central leadership. He will take the list of aspirants and get it approved by his party leaders.

The cabinet has a sanctioned strength of 34, including the CM. At present, seven berths are vacant. According to BJP sources, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has to accommodate MLCs M TB Nagaraj, H Vishwanath and R Shankar, turncoats who helped the party form government in the state. Along with them, the CM may have to include Munirathna who was also part of the rebel team, after his victory in the RR Nagar bypoll.

Meanwhile, a day after the Union government approved Rs 577.74 crore financial assistance to the State from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), Yediyurappa on Saturday said his government would try to get additional funds from the Centre for the flood-hit districts of the state. This year, floods hit many parts of the State especially North Karnataka. The loss is estimated at Rs 35,000 crore.

‘No reason behind meeting HDK’

Yediyurappa put an end to the speculations over his meeting with former Chief Minister and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Friday. He said they met regarding the district cooperative bank in Mandya. “HDK had come to discuss the district cooperative bank of Mandya. There was no other reason behind it,” the CM said.

As Cong cadre follow leaders out of party, KPCC chief faces daunting task

Senior Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar celebrate the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru at the KPCC office in Bengaluru | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE Congress has been virtually reduced to an empty house, with leaders defecting to the BJP with cadres and followers, over the past two years. In 14 constituencies, sitting Congress MLAs revolted against the JDS-led coalition government and crossed to the BJP, leaving the party poorer, with no cadre or prospective candidates in many constituencies.

This was evident as BJP candidates in RR Nagar, KR Pet and other constituencies managed to win by huge margins. With the party rank and file following rebel Congress MLAs out, there is a virtual collapse of the party structure. This has not only dented the party’s prospects but also demoralised party workers. With no leader, loyal Congress workers have lost hope.

Senior Congressman D K Shivakumar, who took over as KPCC president, has many challenges before him -- more than leading the party to power, he has the daunting task of rebuilding the party from the bottom up.

The Congress, which lost 14 MLAs from its bastions, now wants to wrest the seats back and return to power, hopefully with 113 seats.

Failure to build the party, boost morale and identify candidates two years ahead of polls in these constituencies would only make the party’s return to power a distant dream. Although the Congress fielded candidates and put up a keen contest, it could not match the organisational strength and resources of the BJP in many of the seats.

Poor organisational base in RR Nagar forced Congressmen to bring in cadre from Kanakapura and nearby constituencies to campaign for candidates.

The defeat of Congress in Sira, and with JDS pushed to third position, opposition camps fear the the BJP may slowly take over Old Mysuru, that has 90 assembly seats.

The BJP has already geared up to keep the trend going and win over people in panchayat polls, to be held sometime next month.

On the other hand, Shivakumar and his team want to rework social engineering, other than winning the Vokkaliga vote bank, as it did in RR Nagar and Sira. Sources said that KPCC will come out with an action plan for these 14 seats, and is working on micro data of all 224 seats, that could give them a winning combination.

Former MP R Dhruvanarayan said that Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC chief D K Shivakumar cannot be held responsible for the defeat and maintained it was collective responsibility.

UNOPPOSED

Ramesh Katti gets another term as DCC Bank head

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

BJP leader Ramesh Katti was elected chairman of the Belagavi District Central Cooperative Bank on Saturday. He was elected unopposed. He was the chairman last term too.

Incumbent vice chairman Subhash Dhavaleshwar who too was elected unopposed, has won another term.

In the past, DCC bank elections led to differences among leaders and divisions in the party. There were three factions in the district BJP. But now despite rivalry, the BJP ensured the choice was unanimous following the instructions of the party bosses.

Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, also director of the DCC Bank, announced the election of Katti and Dhavaleshwar to the top posts, at a media conference on Saturday.

Savadi stated that the BJP top leadership favoured the candidates to the top two posts elected unopposed at a time when the bank was celebrating its centenary year and also wanted to send a message of unity to the party. It will be decided who should represent Belagavi DCC bank in the apex bank, he said.

Karnataka Milk Federation president Balachandra Jarkiholi said, “There might be differences of opinion and problems in Belagavi DCC Bank. We have instructed the chairman Ramesh Katti to take everyone into confidence to make the bank more customer-friendly and progressive.”

The chairman and vice chairman will have a five-year term. BIMS Administrator Sayeeda Afrin Banu Ballari was the Election officer. Chikkodi MP Annasaheb Jolle, RS member Iranna Kadadi, Chief Whip in Legislative Council Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Deputy Speaker Anand Mamani, MLA Umesh Katti were present.

Ramesh Katti receives a bouquet after being re-elected as DCC Bank chairman | EXPRESS

Akshaya Patra Foundation gets new non-executive trustees

RECONSTITUTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Madhu Pandit Dasa (Chairman), Chanchalapathi Dasa (Vice-Chairman), Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa, Bharatarshabha Dasa, K V Chowdary, Anil Swarup and M S Unnikrishnan.

New audit committee
K V Chowdary (chairman) and Kaushik Dutta (member)

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AKSHAYA Patra Foundation’s Board of Trustees has been reconstituted with new non-executive trustees. K V Chowdary, former chairman, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and former chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Anil Swarup, former secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Department (MHRD) and M S Unnikrishnan, CEO, IITB — Monash Research Academy, Mumbai — have joined the board of trustees, replacing former Infosys Director Mohandas Pai, Abhay Jain, V. Balakrishnan and Raj Kondur.

The statement, issued by the Foundation on Saturday, said that as Akshaya Patra enters the third decade of service, it was felt that there is need for a fresh look at the Foundation’s activities, a need for newer and brighter ideas. “We remain firmly committed to management and governance best practices. We want to assure all our stakeholders, the Government of India, State governments, corporate partners and every individual donor, that the contributions they make are well utilised in the service of humanity,” the foundation stated.

Madhu Pandit Dasa, chairman, Akshaya Patra Foundation, stated that outgoing trustees Mohandas Pai, Abhay Jain, V Balakrishnan and Raj Kondur have rendered extraordinary service. “We are immensely grateful to them for their dedication and invaluable guidance.”

“In the past four and half years, Suresh Senapaty has also rendered invaluable services to Akshaya Patra as an Audit Committee Member in improving internal controls, processes and policies,” the foundation stated.

GST FRAUD UNEARTHED, FIRMS CREATE FAKE INVOICES, EVADE TAX

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GST
18%
28%
12%
5%

THE Bengaluru Zonal Unit (BZU) of the Directorate General of Goods & Services Tax (GST) Intelligence (DGGI) recently busted a huge racket of GST evasion of around Rs 200 crore, and nabbed some key people behind the fraud. In well-coordinated search operations across the country in the past few weeks, the DGGI, BZU unearthed GST fraud committed by various entities, including some well-established companies involved in creating fake invoices of Rs 1,000 crore, and GST evasion of around Rs 200 crore.

In a major operation, a case was registered against a Bengaluru-based tech company, which was allegedly “involved in issuance of fake invoices to well-established Chinese companies across India without any supply of goods/ services” stated a DGGI, BZU press statement. According to the DGGI, an amount of Rs 53 crore transferred by some Chinese entities to the said company was reportedly utilised for funding payouts to companies, individuals and other suspicious activities in India. The activities were coordinated by a Chinese national through social media WeChat/WhatsApp.

In a second instance, the DGGI, BZU registered a case against another private limited company for supplying bogus invoices without accompanying goods to some well-established multinational companies (MNCs) in the State.

“A major recovery of Rs 15 crore was effected from one of the recipient MNCs. The directors of the fraudulent companies have been arrested,” said the official DGGI release.

“These bogus companies have allegedly raised fake invoices worth Rs 500 crore, involving GST of around Rs 80 crore, which has been availed by various well-established companies from across India. Consequent to searches conducted at the premises of major recipients

in Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru, an amount of Rs 12 crore was recovered till date. Investigations are in progress to identify other beneficiaries to recover the tax liability,” stated the DGGI.

Among the GST evaders is a scrap trader from Bengaluru. “He is a repeat offender and has availed fake income tax credit (ITC) of Rs 6.5 crore,” they added.

The DGGI, BZU recovered Rs 1,038 crore during 2019-20 and detected tax evasion of Rs 3,400 crore. During 2020-21, an amount of Rs 478 crore was recovered till date, according to the official statement.

Upset over harassment by her husband, a 25-year-old newly married woman ended her life by hanging in her house in Hennur on Saturday. The deceased, Ashwini, was married to Yuvaraj (26) an employee in a finance company, in February this year.

GETTING READY

KERALA STARTS UPLOADING DATA FOR COVID-19 VACCINE SHOTS

Health officials waiting for orders from National Expert Group on Covid-19 Vaccine

DILEEP V KUMAR @T'Puram

The data on healthcare workers will be entered on a template shared by the Health Management Information System | **EXPRESS**

THE state has set the wheels in motion for making available Covid-19 vaccine to healthcare workers. According to the National Health Mission -Kerala, respective district programme managers were asked to upload the data of health workers who are in direct contact with Covid patients in each district to a centralised database. The uploading processm which is already on, will have to be completed by the end of this month.

At the same time, health officials said that they are awaiting further orders from the National Expert Group on Covid-19 Vaccine (NEGVAC) for the distribution of the vaccine. The Central government had stated recently that once the vaccination programme starts, the first priority will be health workers.

"In the state, respective State Mission Director of NHM and State Immunisation Officer will coordinate the entire exercise. For monitoring the updation process, NEGVAC itself has deputed UNDP senior project officer Dr Rosin George Varghese," said an officer of the health department.

According to the officer, the entry of healthcare workers will be made on a template shared by the Health Management Information System. As per the instructions, a separate template needs to be filled for each health facility (government and private) within the district. The template allows a maximum of only 1,000 entries of healthcare workers. If a facility has more than that then the new entry should be started in a new template.

"The data compiled at the district level will get uploaded to the Covid-19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System. Only health workers will be included. Their family members will be excluded. As per a guideline issued by the NEGVAC, health workers at public facilities right from the primary health centres to medical colleges and nursing homes/clinics to corporate hospitals in the private sector will be included in the database. Ayush practitioners will also be included," said an NHM district programme manager.

Meanwhile, it remains unknown when the vaccination drive will begin. The other day, the health ministry said that the entire vaccination campaign will be linked to Aadhaar so as to avoid any case of duplication or fraudulent activities. At the same time, there are also reports that by December the nation will get 100 million doses of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 shot and the inoculation drive will get started that month itself.

SABARIMALA SEASON TO BEGIN

Sabarimala: Amid concerns raised by health workers regarding the Covid situation in the state, the Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple will open for the two-month Mandala Makaravilakku festival on Sunday evening. The Sabarimala Karma Samithi, an organisation of devotees, has asked devotees to avoid the pilgrimage. **ENS**

MUMBAI POLICE GET CUSTODY OF RAVI POOJARY

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

A CITY court on Friday remanded gangster Ravi Poojary in Mumbai police custody for 10 days, following their request that they need to produce him before a court there in connection with a 2015 Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) case, in which the gangster's associates were arrested for allegedly conspiring to eliminate builder Raju Patil.

An official of the Anti-Extortion Cell (AEC) of Mumbai's Crime Branch had requested the court, seeking Poojary's custody, to furnish relevant documents. It included the letter by Special Judge for MCOCA cases, requesting to give consent for handing over custody of the accused and direction to the prison authorities in this regard. The request was made as Poojary is to be questioned in the 'answer charge' hearing, in which he will be required to either plead guilty or not guilty.

Objecting to the application, Poojary's counsel contended that the application cannot be entertained as there was no mention of the case in the Extradition Order (EO), and unless and until the EO contains the case number, no order can be passed. He further contended that a writ petition is pending before the Karnataka High Court, and the accused cannot be transited till disposal of the cases in Karnataka. "Due to the Covid-19 situation, if the accused is shifted to Mumbai, there will be chances of (him) contracting Covid-19. In such an event, the accused will be put to greater hardship," the counsel argued, adding that there is danger to Poojary's life in Mumbai.

Hearing the arguments, the 61st Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, SR Manikya, observed that the framing of charges is necessary, and presence of the accused is very necessary for the purpose. "When such being the circumstances, if a consent letter for production of the accused is not issued, the progress of the case will be hampered and the case cannot be concluded," the judge observed, and ordered remanding of the accused in Mumbai police custody for 10 days.

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Petitioner's counsel

The court directed Mumbai police to take Poojary into custody before December 12, and to take necessary safety measures while taking him to Mumbai.

The case is related to the arrest of the associates of Ravi Poojary by sleuths of the AEC near Mangatram Petrol Pump, on March 12, 2015. The police had arrested Aniket Anand Jadhav and Abhishek Shailendra Salvi, and Bharat Hari Singh Ved on the spot, and had seized two country-made pistols and 12 live cartridges. Investigation had revealed that they were planning to eliminate Raju Patil, a builder from Dombivli and brother of a former Maharashtra MLA, and a few others were arrested later.

EKING OUT A LIVING

A young boy makes coir with his grandfather at Panathura in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. Recently, CM Pinarayi Vijayan said that the state government would focus on reviving the coir industry | **VINCENT PULICKAL**

Post unlock, occupancy in buses down by 60%

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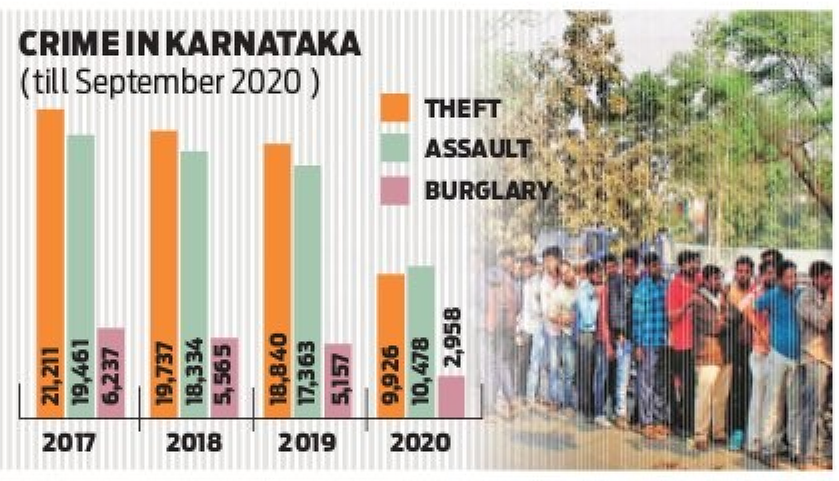
APART from delayed salaries, their incentives too have been stopped. "We used to get an allowance of Rs 25 to Rs 50 per night's journey. But it is not being paid," the KSRTC driver said. Another employee, requesting anonymity, said, "There are hardly any passengers in public transport buses even after the lockdown restrictions were eased. The occupancy is at least 60 per cent lesser than what it used to be before Covid hit us." Buses have started operating, but the number of trips has been reduced because of low passenger traffic, he added.

Expressing regret, Transport Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi said that the government is committed to paying Rs 325 crore in salaries every month to all his department employees. Claiming that the Transport Department has suffered the biggest loss because of Covid, Savadi said in Belagavi on Saturday that his department managed to pay the salaries for two months during the lockdown, and also for the next four months despite the crisis. The department pooled 75 per cent of the required amount from the government and 25 per cent from the Transport Corporation.

He said that since a considerably lesser number of passengers are travelling in public transport buses, it has not been possible to generate revenues needed to clear the salaries of the entire staff.

PANDEMIC FORCES JOBLESS YOUTH TO TURN TO CRIME

TEAM TNIE



NOBEL Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela, the South African anti-apartheid revolutionary who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999, once said: "When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw."

The Covid-19 pandemic which descended early this year forced lockdowns. That, in turn, ushered in an economic slowdown, sending lakhs out of jobs. As businesses shut, the unravelling situation denied many the right to live the life they believed in, luring them towards crime and violence.

Ameer Ahmed, 28, earned a decent salary as a receptionist at a Bengaluru hotel. He had no criminal history. But Covid changed all that. He lost his job and couldn't find another. A desperate Ahmed came across a person from Visakhapatnam who had 'stuff' that could help him earn big money. It turned out to be 'ganja'. Ahmed, while searching for potential customers near a Peenya factory, was arrested and jailed.

Sameer Kumar Shah, 25, too lost his job like Ahmed. Desperation drove him to use a photo of a woman manager of a women's fashion store, impersonate her and send messages to her colleagues asking for money to be deposited in a bank account on the pretext of the woman's mother needing treatment. One even deposited Rs 4,500. When the woman learnt of it, she filed a complaint with East Cyber, Economic & Narcotics (CEN) police, who nabbed him in July.

In another incident, daily wage workers from a village near Jamkhandi taluk in Bagalkot district targeted elders wearing jewellery after being denied jobs at construction sites. On being arrested, they confessed to robbing as they were jobless. Police officials said that though crime has not increased, the pandemic-triggered job loss has resulted in more first-time criminals – like Ahmed, Shah and the daily wage workers.

Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police BB Ashok Kumar said, "There are instances of circumstances pushing people with no criminal history to commit crimes like chain snatching. Such incidents will stop only when the economy improves."

S K Umesh, a retired Superintendent of Police, said, "As many lost their livelihoods, they started committing crime. Bengaluru saw many incidents of mobile snatching. It fetches hardly Rs 300-400 for the culprit."

In Udupi district, an out-of-job daily wage worker from Honnavara, Ganesh Naik, 30, was arrested for duping job aspirants over recruiting them in Konkan Railway Corporation. Wearing a ticket collector's uniform, he collected money from two gullible job-seekers in Manipal.

Prof Hilda Rayappan, founder, Prajna Counselling Centre, Mangaluru, said domestic violence cases increased during the lockdown and unlock period, adding more to women's stress. She said her centre received more cases of marital discord, harassment by alcoholic spouses and in-laws, and personality disorders as families faced financial difficulties and health issues.

At Mangaluru Santwana Kendra, over 150 cases of family disputes were registered between January and October this year which is the highest in Dakshina Kannada.

BIG PICTURE

Dr P V Bhandary, a renowned psychiatrist from Udupi, said that during the pandemic when children have remained at home, instances of them being hit by their alcoholic father were reported. In one instance, a 35-year-old businessman, who had suffered big losses during the lockdown, took to the bottle. His seven-year-old daughter developed severe anxiety disorder. "We had to treat both the child and father at our hospital. The effects of lockdown are going to last long," he said.

Vidya Dinkar, a Mangaluru-based social activist, said that there are lot of cases of owner-labourer dispute especially involving migrant labourers who weren't paid nor given any facilities post-Covid19 period.

Bengaluru, on its part, has witnessed owner-tenant disputes. Mahalakshmi shared a good rapport with her tenant Poornima in Laggere in Bengaluru. But the latter was unable to pay rent for four months. On October 30, the owner demanded that she clear her dues. While the owner was in need of money, the tenant had no money to pay rent. This sparked a fight, ending in in the landlord stabbing her tenant. While the tenant recovered, the landlady is cooling her heels in the jail.

In a similar incident in HMT Layout, landlord Syed Iliyas and his tenant Mohammed Naqvi assaulted each other and stepped in to RT Nagar police station, filing a complaint against each other.

In Kalaburagi, a gang was busted in Jewargi town in October in connection with blackmailing and looting money from lorry owners/drivers transporting foodgrains for mid-day meals scheme.

Mysuru reported several instances of thieves taking advantage of school closure to steal expensive items from the premises. At a higher primary school in Jattenahalli village, miscreants stole three gas cylinders worth Rs 3,600, while in a similar incident in KR Nagar police limits, rice bags, kitchen utensils and gas cylinders were stolen from the government high school in Hampapura village.

Mysuru city police registered over 14 murder cases, while Mysuru district police registered 15 during April-September, post Covid-19 outbreak. The period saw 26 burglaries, 110 theft cases and 15 chain-snatching incidents in city limits, while 53 burglaries, 124 thefts and 5 chain-snatching cases in the district.

Former DG&IGP ST Ramesh said economic slowdown results in unemployment and various business establishments undergo loss or close down. "When sources of income dry up, people tend to look for shortcuts to earn money and crime becomes an option. In such unprecedented times, police vigil may not succeed in putting down crimes. The only solution is for the economy to improve," he says.

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Viren used 7 email IDs: Prosecution

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VIRENDER Khanna, an accused in the Sandalwood drugs case, allegedly used seven different email IDs and his accomplices tried to hack the them to destroy evidence while he was in police custody.

Khanna was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with the said case on September 4. The 35-year-old was also facing another NDPS case registered by the Banaswadi police in 2018. He had moved a bail petition in this case before a special court for NDPS cases.

In the objections filed by the prosecution, it was stated that Khanna was in direct contact with accused arrested in connection with the drugs case. The prosecution informed the court that Khanna had seven email IDs. "He has opened three email accounts and refuses to open the remaining four accounts. On September 12, an attempt was made by the petitioner's accomplices to hack the email account with an intention to destroy the information contained in the said email account," the prosecution submitted to the court.

The prosecution told the court that Khanna, during interrogation, revealed his involvement in procuring drugs, financing and also giving instructions to the other accused. The prosecution objected to granting him bail, submitting that Khanna was a habitual drug dealer and his email accounts, social media accounts and mobile phone data were yet to be accessed. The Special Judge, GM Sheenappa, who heard the arguments of the prosecution and the defence counsel, dismissed the bail petition filed by Khanna, on November 10.

Illegal laterite mined in DK, transported to Andhra, TS, reveals RTI

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ILLEGAL mining of laterite in Dakshina Kannada district and its transportation to cement manufacturing industries in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has come to light through a Right to Information (RTI) query.

The Mines and Geology Department (MGD), in a reply to a RTI query, said that over 12,000 metric tons of 'A' grade laterite was transported from a mining area spanning 6.76 acres in survey number 141/1A in Kairangala village of Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada between August 14, 2020 and September 30, 2020. The mining permit of the same is in the name of the panchayat development officer.

The said land belongs to the Balepuni gram panchayat and following a decision to develop 135 sites there to distribute among the poor, a contract was awarded to a private party to level the land in March this year. However, the MGD stopped the works after it got to know that the land had lateriate deposits for which permission was required for mining. Subsequently, an MGD survey on August 7 revealed that 89,223 metric tons of 'A' grade laterite was available there and it gave a mining permit to the PDO for a year.

The contractor resumed mining but within few weeks, the MGD withdrew the permit following rumours that the land had gold and bauxite deposits. By then, sources said the mining contractor, Red Stone Trading Corporation, Mudipu, had extracted over 3,000 tonnes of laterite from the said government land and had stocked the same in a patch of private land nearby.

GP sources said that permission was not given to the contractor to transport the laterite outside the panchayat limits as the authorities were still in the process of fixing the value.

An official expressed shock over the PDO permit allegedly being misused to sell the laterite to cement industries. "Hardly, 3,000 tonnes of laterite could have been extracted there so far. It's a wonder how someone could transport 12,000 metric tonnes of laterite from there. It appears that the permit issued in the name of PDO was misused to sell the laterite illegally mined somewhere else," said an official.

Meanwhile, Congress leader B Ramanath Rai, in a press conference, accused Bantwal MLA Rajesh Naik's wife Usha R Naik, who holds a laterite permit in Tenka Yadapadavu village in Mangaluru taluk, of misusing the PDO permit to transport the illegally mined laterite. He said that he has written a letter to Chief Secretary Vijay Bhaskar to conduct a high-level inquiry into the matter. MLA Rajesh Naik has dismissed the allegations.

EXPRESS READ

Godown fire: Worker dies in hospital

Bengaluru: A 30-year-old worker, who had sustained burn injuries in the fire that broke out in the chemical godown in Byatarayanapura on Tuesday, succumbed to injuries at a hospital on Friday night. The deceased, Bijay, hailed from Odisha. Police said that Bijay had sustained severe burn injuries in the mishap that occurred at the godown on Tuesday morning. While four others escaped unhurt, Bijay sustained burn injuries and was rushed to a hospital, where he was treated for more than three days. **ENS**

...You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows

Bob Dylan

VIOLENCE HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL SANCTION

OPINION

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IN 1999, Justice C S Rajan of the Kerala High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate into an 'encounter killing' that occurred on 18 February, 1970. Varghese, a Naxalite leader, was shot dead in Thirunelli forest in Kerala.

After a few decades, a police constable named Ramachandran Nair, out of an intense sense of remorse, revealed that it was he who shot Varghese, due to the orders from superior officers. He filed an affidavit to that effect before the High Court, and the Court thereupon directed a fresh probe into the matter. It was not an encounter killing any more. The case was investigated, and a charge sheet was filed. The trial ended in conviction. Nair, who said that he did the act but not the offence, as he was only an instrument in the brutal event, died before the verdict. A superior police officer, Inspector General Lakshmana, who had retired, was punished in 2010 and sent to prison, 40 years after the incident.

One does not find many parallels for this episode. Public conscience as well as the private conscience of Ramachandran Nair generated a unique sense of justice in Kerala's civil society that in turn acted as an effective check on the state's police power. The state was constantly under people's trial, as an offshoot of Varghese's martyrdom.

The times have changed. Changes occurred in legal landscape. Justice too had its post-truth versions. The government's gesture, public's perception and the media's approach on such issues are no longer the same. The state eventually regained its gruesome insensitivity as it began to misuse its revolvers quite frequently. S. Velmurugan, a suspected Maoist, was shot dead on November 3 by the 'Thunderbolt' force in Kerala. This, according to the Kerala government, was again an 'encounter killing,' though no constable was injured and no damage caused to the force. Velmurugan was the eighth alleged Maoist to be shot dead in the so-called encounters with the police, after the present Left government was elected in 2016.

Terrorism is antithetical to constitutionalism and Maoism is not an exception. Violence by itself is dangerous and deplorable. It has never been a genuine solution to any human problem in our long history. Political extremism based on violence cuts at the very root of peaceful co-existence. Maoism in India has been anti-social, preposterous and barbaric. Indian Maoists are indubitably at the wrong side of history.

The question, however, is whether violence by the state has the legal sanction and constitutional legitimacy. The Maoists do not believe in the Constitution of the country. But remarkably, the Constitution also stands for those who do not believe in it. The duty of a democratic government is to book the culprits and subject them to the due process of law. That would help understanding the root causes for the insurgency and eradicating it.

Unfortunately, Chief Minister Vijayan's position on the issue has been undemocratic and disappointing. He endorses almost every police action. He repeats what the police say. The Chief Minister had earlier justified the arrest and detention of two young students booked for alleged Maoist link. They were arrested in November 2019 and detained in prison for about a year, till they were released on bail by the Special Court in September.

The Special Court found that in the case prima facie, there was no act of violence or incitement to commit any offence. An ideological belief, on its own, does not constitute an offence. The Supreme Court had clarified this position in Arup Bhuyan v. State of Assam (2011) when it said that mere sympathy with a banned organisation without any kind of incitement to violence is not an offence. A non-violent and harmless belief evidently does not involve culpability, said the court. The judgments in Sri Indra Das v. State of Assam (2011) also followed suit. The US decision in Elfbrandt v. Russell (1966), where the Court rejected the theory of "guilt by (mere) association" was followed by the Indian Supreme Court. The Kerala High Court in Shyam Balakrishnan case (2015) and the Bombay High Court in Jyoti Babasaheb Chorge case (2012) agreed with this.

Jonathan Kennedy and Sunil Purushotham have analysed the Maoist insurgency and counter-insurgency in India in a paper published by Cambridge University Press (2012). In their analysis, they concluded that strategy by our regimes has "pushed Maoist insurgency to the margins of Indian political life but has been unable to eliminate insurgent activity or address the fundamental grievances of adivasis."

Maoist threat is a serious issue that calls for strategic solutions. The nation needs to handle it efficiently, yet lawfully. The threat is not peculiar to Kerala. Its gravity is more severe in several other states. Still, every bullet in Kerala is a shock, as the state is ranked first in terms of good governance, followed by other South Indian states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Good governance is a constitutional aspiration as explained by the top court in Manoj Narula case (2014).

Clearly, fake encounters hit at the very idea of good governance. This is why Kerala matters. It matters for India and for all Indians.

PERILS OF BEING PRIVILEGED SONS

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

ALL human beings are basically selfish. But the selfishness of someone like me is inconsequential compared to the selfishness of someone like Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the ranking leader of the Communist party that rules Kerala. He was once Home Minister in that state.

He has two sons fondly named Binoy and Bineesh. Binoy has an FIR against him in a Mumbai rape case. Bineesh was arrested in Bangalore the other day on charges of financing Mohammed Anup to set up a hotel in the city. Anup and two others were charged with supplying drugs for rave parties in Begaluru.

This little family saga throws light on how life develops for our political bigwigs and their families in India. Politicians' children do things without thinking of the legality of their actions while children of citizens like me are scared even to go out without a mask. Why is it that Communist ideologues do not think about this? Why do they see no problem in turning themselves into opportunists?

Kodiyeri has resigned from his party post as a consequence of the scandal. Evidently this was a face-saving move ordered by the party. But how much of the face can be saved this way? The culture of the party allows sons of leaders to assume a degree of infallibility. Will that culture change? People need to be convinced of such a change.

And let no one forget that Kerala is the only state where the Communists still have a name and a habitation. Even West Bengal has fallen to Mamata Banerjee's personality politics. This makes the CPM's central leadership subservient to Kerala's state leaders.

Sitaram Yechury is dependent on Pinarayi Vijayan in terms of practical politics. That explains why Yechury bowed to Kodiyeri and said (a) that Bineesh is not a party member and, therefore, there is no need for the party to take a moral stand, and (b) that parents could not be held responsible for the doings of their grownup children. That second point is biology, not politics. Politically, what Yechury said is rubbish.

In politics, grownup children flourish on the wrong side of the law precisely because their parents give them the necessary protection. Binoy and Bineesh indulge in illegalities because their father's position gives them immunity. A socially responsible father would not let this happen, but it is too much to expect our successful political leaders to be socially responsible. The party leadership is conveniently hypocritical. When they see Kodiyeri's children as blameless, they are ensuring more illegalities by privileged children.

The reality is as cruel as it is obvious. Ideologically inclined leaders like Yechury, M A Baby and Ramachandran Pillai belong to yesterday. They feel compelled to be on the safe side of today's realities. This is seen in their refusal to accept that the Kodiyeri sons have done things that must be considered irregular. Old assumptions have given way to new realities. And one new reality is that the Kodiyeris are more important to the party than the Yechurys and the Babys.

Today the party is not the important thing, the leaders are. In the old days, leaders served the party. In the new world, the party must serve the leader.

That both the sons of a ranking CPM leader fell foul of the law throws light on what life has become. VIP sons find an easy way to enrich themselves by misusing party labels. The parties are the losers in this game. They lose twice over when the voting public realizes that leaders tend to justify criminally inclined sons. Kodiyeri said with fatherly fondness that Bineesh did not smoke or drink.

"Kodiyeri" has become a surname of shame in Kerala, a state where the Communists should have been more sensitive. If they lose Kerala also, they lose all of India.

Perhaps, some sociologists must examine how a ranking political leader of Kerala saw both his sons going irregular. Does fatherly eminence promote illegalities among sons? Has the father no role in keeping his sons within the confines of law?

Evidently, power corrupts more these days than in the old days. The Delhi leadership sees power as a licence to promote politicised communalism.

UP leaders see power as a means to dub all other parties as promoters of "*sabka vinash*".

Power is being re-engineered as a means to ensure that only the chosen prosper and all others are condemned as 'anti-national'. Life gets boring that way, but that is how life is these days.

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KERALA AND THE PROGRESSIVE MIND

OPINION

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THE exquisite engraving of a Greco-Roman she-sphinx recently unearthed at the Pattanam archaeological site near Kodungalloor is estimated to belong to the 1st century BCE –2nd century CE. It reminds us once again how far back in time lie the roots of Kerala's long journey to its tryst with a progressive consciousness. Certainly, progressiveness is not unique to Kerala in the larger Indian picture. Every culture in India has its own history of the emancipation of the mind from blind beliefs and customs and its engagement with change and progress.

The lady-sphinx of Pattanam represents what is perhaps unique to Kerala among other Indian states in the evolution of a progressive society. This small but beautiful artefact, preceded by several from Pattanam itself, again highlights Kerala's maritime history which, according to historians like A Sreedhara Menon, could go as far back as 5000 BCE. In recorded history, it finds a place from 5th century BCE – in the writings of Roman historian Herodotus. But even centuries earlier, Kerala's Arabian Sea coast had become the arena of a vigorous international trade in spices – pepper in particular. The traders came from all over: Babylonia, Assyria, Egypt, Phoenicia, Israel, Greece, Rome, Arabia and China. Climate and flora had created Kerala's new destiny as a receptacle of cultures. It had become open to some of the most advanced civilizations of the time.

And there ensued not only the exchange of information and ideas but also, as recent genetic studies show, the inevitable admixture of races which played a part in the evolution of the Dravidian people who lived on this narrow stretch of land which eventually came to be called Kerala. Their global horizons widened in an extraordinary manner for those times and their future willy-nilly acquired new and refreshing genetic textures.

Religion had a role in the next phase of growth of Kerala's progressive destiny. Kerala received its first increment of organised religion when Jainism arrived, followed by Buddhism and a nascent Hinduism, all circa 3rd century BCE. None came with swords. Nor did the ones that followed: Judaism (circa 1st century CE) and Christianity (circa 3rd century CE) were the faiths of believers fleeing Roman religious persecution. They were doubtlessly led there by experienced traders who knew Kerala was a safe haven. (Local faith, deep-rooted but historically unsupported asserts that apostle Thomas brought Christianity to Kerala in the 1st century CE.) Islam arrived circa 8th century CE via the familiar Arab traders now turned Muslims. Some settled down in Kerala for business convenience. Kerala thus came to have an early start in religious togetherness and harmony, the hallmark of progressive societies anywhere. Alongside, Malayali genes had acquired further racial complexity. And the mind began to see the world from divergent and multiple viewpoints because each religion had brought its own world-view — right or wrong.

History had, thus, resolved early that religious and cultural accommodation and tolerance will be the new normal in Kerala. Later vicissitudes, such as Tipu's military adventures, might have shaken but did not destroy this foundation. Malayalam language acquired a clear identity and became a tool of multi-layered expression in the hands of Thunchath Ezhuthachan, the Father of modern Malayalam, in the 17th century. The 19th century saw Kerala crystallizing its progressive vision, building upon the information and knowledge that English education brought. Science, political thought, philosophy, history, literature, news of the world — all began to reverberate in Kerala's feudal society.

By 1873, Raja Ravi Varma, one of the boldest and earliest modernists of Indian painting, had held an exhibition in Vienna. Sri Narayana, the great spiritual master who set in motion Kerala's modern-day journey towards an enlightened society, made his declaration of a casteless, creedless spirituality in 1888. Ayyankali, the legendary rebel and reformer from the 'untouchable' class made his first claim on 'untouchable' public space in 1893. In 1912, 'Swadeshabhimani' Ramakrishna Pillai, the father of modern journalism in Malayalam, published the first biography of Marx in any Indian language. 'Kesari' Balakrishna Pillai, the intellectual colossus who inaugurated the progressive era in Kerala's literature, arts, historical studies and journalism to name a few, was propagating modernity by the 1920s.

Gandhiji and the national movement had a profound impact on Kerala's progressive impulse. The 40s and 50s heralded the arrival of two foundational campaigns that changed the outlook of mid-20th century Kerala: the library movement and the scientific awareness movement led by stalwarts PN Panicker and PT Bhaskara Panicker. A pivotal step was the execution of land reforms, a process that began in 1957 and culminated in the Land Reforms Act 1969. Progressive, grassroots interventions in universal literacy, public health, and education earned wide praise as the Kerala Model of development. Democratic innovations like Kudumbashree, the women's livelihood initiative and Janakeeyasootranam, the democratic decentralisation project were highly successful.

The above is a very inadequate pointer to a grand project that involved, down history, thousands of enlightened minds, a multitude of creativities and great sacrifices — and, doubtlessly, considerable political will. What matters to Kerala is that the progressive consciousness and its corollary the secular, democratic and humanist spirit, have endured. The core of sanity is intact, though the society is under siege. Amity and harmony prevail despite calibrated and unrelieved onslaughts upon them.

When viewed against today's India, the Kerala model of tolerant co-existence gains some significance because it is an established fact that social harmony is crucial to growth. Recently, the Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru, a think-tank headed by ISRO former chairman Dr K Kasturirangan adjudged Kerala as the best governed Indian state. Perhaps, it points to truths that do not go well with the dominant narratives of the day. But it is a point to ponder

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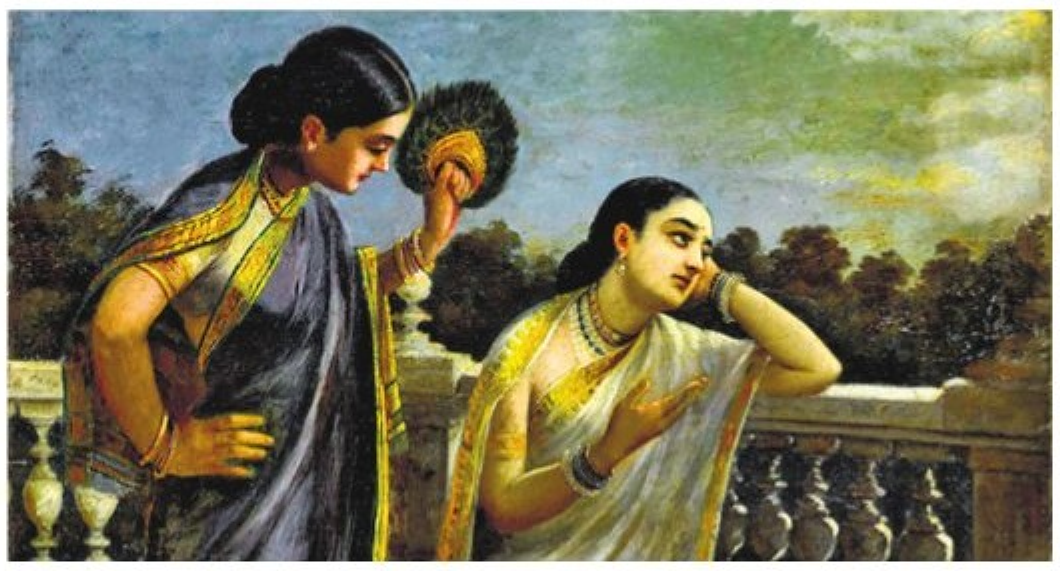

QUOTE CORNER

We're one year out from hosting COP26. There is no time to waste and we have to act now to take bold action in the fight against climate change. I'm looking forward to shortly setting out my ten-point plan to create thousands of green jobs in the UK

Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister

It (Biden's win) is proof that we all had to stand firm against all the headwinds... 'Make our planet great again' is now very much a possibility, not just in words but also in deed

Emmanuel Macron, French President

Each and every vote for Joe Biden was a statement that healthcare in the United States of America should be a right and not a privilege... And Joe Biden won this election decisively

Kamala Harris, US Vice-President elect

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Trump's baffling tirade

In a democracy, it is really surprising that the officially defeated candidate should announce that he doesn't concede defeat and would rather embark on a campaign seeking to stop the battleground states from certifying the votes. Donald Trump has accused Joe Biden of 'voter fraud' and mounted legal challenges in several 'swing states'. Whether true or not, there should have been some mechanism to oversee the elections which should have looked into these allegations in advance before making the official declaration of the presidential election results. That it has not been done by a country which is one of the oldest democracies of the world is unfortunate.

R Sampath, Chennai

Wrong analysis of Rahul

Former US President Barack Obama's portrayal of Rahul Gandhi in his upcoming memoir as someone who "has a nervous, unformed quality about him, as if he were a student who'd done the coursework and was eager to impress the teacher, but deep down lacked either the aptitude or the passion to master the subject" was uncharitable, to put it mildly. It was more reflective of Obama himself than Rahul. By his ill-judged characterization, Obama has proved that he is a poor judge of men and is not against making sweeping statements about others. It is not Rahul's fault if Obama lacks in perspicacity. He seemed to have taken simplicity and humility exuded by the Indian leader as an attempt to please him. He should know that a person's incapability to be bad or do evil things cannot be construed as a weakness.

G David Milton, Kanyakumari

Illogical order on fire crackers

The Karnataka High Court has come down heavily on the government for the manner in which it issued an order permitting bursting of green fire crackers without defining and specifying what the 'green crackers' are. As rightly observed by the court, the order is prima facie ineffective! The impugned order came to be issued hurriedly hours after the chief minister did a volte face after announcing ban in view of the impending Covid scare. It appears the government, bowing to the pressure of cracker sellers, wanted the order issued that way only to permit sale of all crackers in the garb of 'green crackers'.

Putte Gowda, Bengaluru

Covid fight beyond Biden

Dr. K Srinath Reddy's contention that global health will get a booster shot on the election of Joe Biden (TNIE dated 13.11.2020) as president of the United States is far-fetched and preposterous. Unless all countries especially poor ones do not improve their health infrastructure, not much can be done. Even advanced countries where they had excellent facilities could not cope up with COVID-19. Most importantly, World Health Organization should work effectively. Unfortunately, it is found wanting in tackling Coronavirus.

BJ Joshi, Bengaluru

Tejashwi shouldn't complain

There is no merit in undermining the NDA victory by telling that it has barely scraped through by a difference of votes lesser than 13,000 . The truth is that the contest between the Grand Alliance and NDA was so intense that no winner can boast of a thumping success. This also indicates that it is only the people who had decided who should rule Bihar and not the EVMs as alleged by Tejaswi Yadav.

BS Jayaraman, Coimbatore

Congress is in mess

There is something fundamentally wrong with the Congress to have fallen abysmally low and rock bottom in the expectations of the people and not measuring upto their faith in delivering the promises made by the party. Unless a thorough introspection for repeated faillures in the elections is undertaken, there seems to be no future for the party and it is doomed to sink further in the estimation of the people for failing to measure up to their longstanding attachment to the party.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

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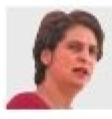
TWEETS OF THE DAY



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
For only they can sense life who stand often on the verge of it, only they whose lives are not governed by the fear of death

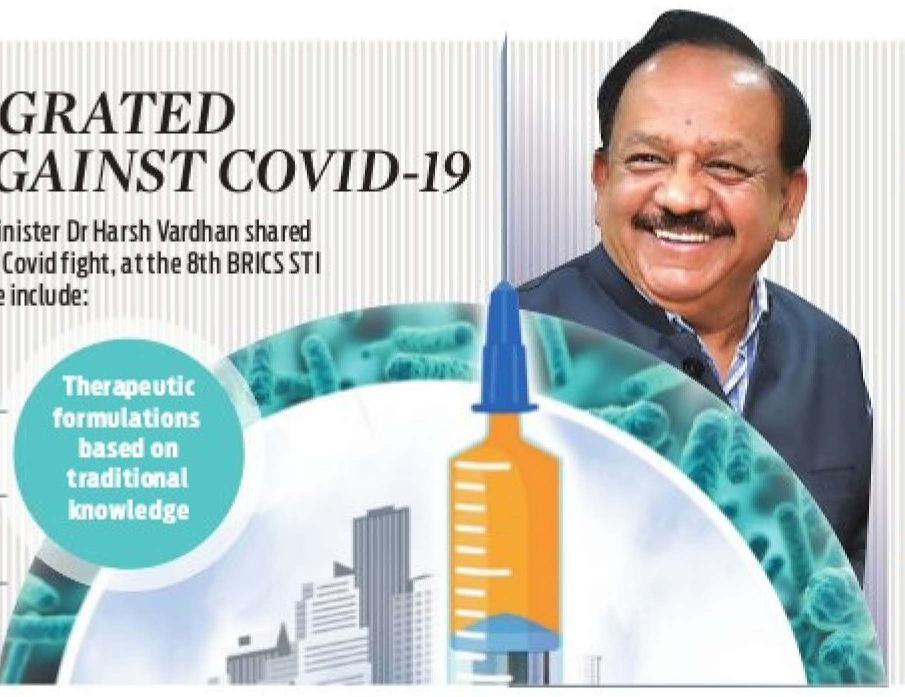
Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
Every Diwali PM @narendramodi Ji spends time with our jawans. Proud of our PM who pays highest respect to our brave soldiers

VK Singh @Gen_VKSingh
As we celebrate Diwali let's also remember and pray for our soldiers, because of whom we are able to celebrate.

INDIA's INTEGRATED RESPONSE AGAINST COVID-19

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan shared some key steps taken by India in its Covid fight, at the 8th BRICS STI Ministerial Meeting on Friday. These include:

1. Development of indigenous vaccines
2. Novel point-of-care diagnostics
3. Establishing research resources and offering services
4. Indian R&D entities developing effective interventions


Therapeutic formulations based on traditional knowledge

IN SEARCH OF THE MIRACLE VACCINE

- The government has announced $120 million in grant for vaccine research, which is being provided for CovidSuraksha (Mission for protection from Covid)
- Hosting clinical trials for major vaccine contenders; about 20 vaccines are at different stages of development
- COVAXIN from an ICMR-Bharat Biotech collaboration and COVISHIELD from the Serum Institute of India are in Phase-III clinical trials
- Homegrown pharma major Dr Reddy's Laboratories to distribute the Russian vaccine in India after final-stage human trials and regulatory approval

DELHI'S AIR QUALITY TURNS 'SEVERE' ON DIWALI

City records AQI of 414 on Saturday, which falls in 'severe' category; average AQI was 339 on Friday, and 314 on Thursday; In 2017, Delhi's 24-hour average AQI on Diwali stood at 319

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Vehicles ply amid low visibility due to smog during Diwali celebrations in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

DELHI'S air quality turned "severe" on Diwali with stubble burning accounting for 32 per cent of the city's PM2.5 pollution, and calm winds worsening the situation as they allowed accumulation of pollutants, weather officials said.

"Even a small increase in local additional emissions is likely to have significant deterioration impact on Sunday and Monday," The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, said, adding that peak levels of PM10 and PM2.5 are expected between 1 am and 6 am in case of additional internal emissions. Earlier, it had said that the PM2.5 concentration in Delhi on Diwali is likely to be the "lowest" in the last four years if no firecrackers are burnt.

The city recorded an overall AQI of 414 on Saturday, which falls in the "severe" category. The 24-hour average AQI was 339 on Friday, and 314 on Thursday.

Delhi recorded a 24-hour average AQI of 337 on Diwali last year (October 27), and 368 and 400 in the next two days. Thereafter, pollution levels remained in the "severe" category for three days on the trot. In 2018, the 24-hour average AQI (281) on Diwali was recorded in the "poor" category, which deteriorated to 390 the next day and remained in the "severe" category on three consecutive days thereafter. In 2017, Delhi's 24-hour average AQI on Diwali (October 19) stood at 319. It, however, slipped into the "severe" zone the next day.

This time, the India Meteorological Department has said that a fresh western disturbance is likely to increase the wind speed and improve the air quality in Delhi-NCR post Diwali.

Light rain is likely on Sunday under the influence of a western disturbance. It is still to be seen if it is enough to wash away pollutants, Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD's regional forecasting centre, said. "However, Delhi-NCR's air quality is likely to improve post Diwali due to an expected increase in the wind speed on Sunday," he added.

V K Soni, the head of the IMD's environment research centre, said calm winds, smoke from farm fires and firecrackers emissions may push the air quality to the "severe" zone on Diwali night.' The wind speed is expected to pick up thereafter and the wind direction will be east-southeasterly, he said. There will be a significant improvement in air quality by November 16, Soni said.

The Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi also said the situation is likely to "improve significantly" on Sunday.' "Under the influence of a Western Disturbance, isolated rainfall over plains of northwest India and adjoining central India is likely on Sunday. The predominant surface wind is likely to be coming from East-Southeast direction of Delhi with wind speed up to 20 kmph," it said.

"Generally cloudy sky, light rain, thundershowers accompanied with gusty winds (speed 30-40 kmph) is likely towards afternoon-evening on Sunday," the central agency said.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Friday directed the CPCB and states concerned to ensure there is no lapse in the implementation of the National Green Tribunal's directions in view of the air quality scenario during the Diwali period.

"In pursuance of NGT order dated November 9 and considering the concerns of air quality scenario in the NCR and its adverse health impact, the Commission directed CPCB, state governments and authorities concerned for strict compliance of the directions of NGT, with zero tolerance on violation," it said.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had on Monday imposed a total ban on sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the National Capital Region (NCR) from November 9 midnight to November 30 midnight, saying "celebration by crackers is for happiness and not to celebrate deaths and diseases".

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel clarified that the direction will apply to all cities and towns in the country where the average of ambient air quality during November 2019 was in "poor" and above categories. "At other places, restrictions are optional for the authorities but if there are more stringent measures under orders of the authorities, the same will prevail," the NGT had said.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had on Wednesday ordered closure of hot mix plants and stone crushers in Delhi-NCR till November 17 in view of a likely increase in pollution levels during the festive season.

It also asked the governments of Punjab and Haryana to take immediate stringent actions to curb stubble burning and authorities in Delhi-NCR to strictly check biomass burning.

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Places of worship to reopen from Monday: Thackeray

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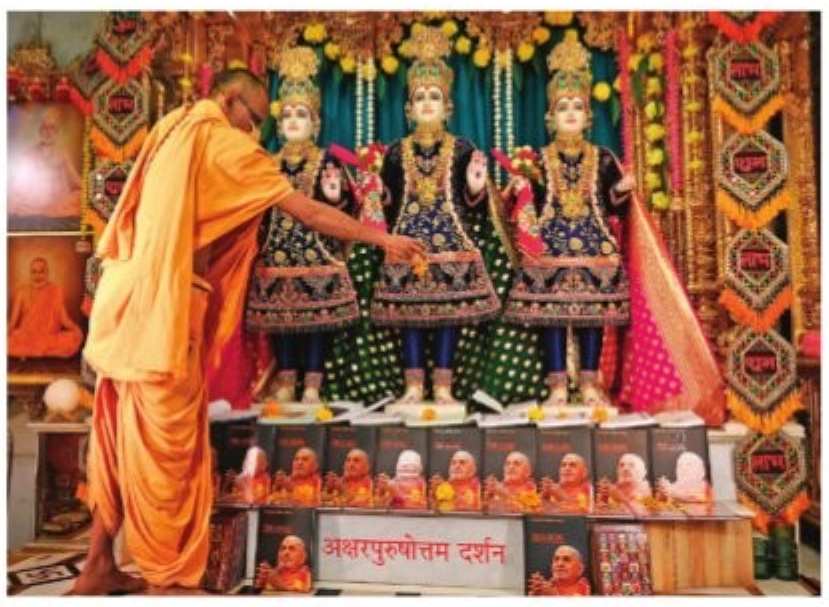

A priest performs a ritual during 'Chopda Pujan' (worshipping of account books) on Diwali at Swaminarayan Temple in Dadar, Mumbai, on Saturday | PTI

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday said that places of religious worship across the state, which were shut since the Covid-19 lockdown in March, will reopen from Monday.

In a statement on Saturday, he said, "We can't forget that the demon coronavirus is still amongst us. Even though this demon is slowly falling silent now, we cannot be complacent. Citizens need to follow discipline."

"Just like discipline and restraint were observed while celebrating Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri and Pandharpur wari (annual pilgrimage), followers of other faiths also celebrated festivals like Eid, Mount Mary festival by keeping the Covid-19 safety protocol in mind," he said while extending greetings to people on the occasion of Diwali.

The chief minister said that although places of religious worship had to be shut during the pandemic, god was taking care of all devotees in the form of doctors, nurses and other health staff.

He said that after the religious places of worship are reopened from Diwali Padwa that falls on Monday, rules and safety protocol have to be followed strictly.

"Crowding will have to be avoided. The reopening of religious places is not a government order, but the wish of the Almighty. Shoes will have to be kept outside the premises and wearing masks is mandatory," he said.

"If we follow discipline, we will get God's blessings," Thackeray said.

The chief minister was repeatedly being targeted by the opposition BJP for keeping the places of worship shut even as the Unlock process began in June.

However, Thackeray had defended his decision saying it was difficult to follow physical distancing at the places of worship.

During his last webcast address to citizens, he had said that standard operating procedures (SOPs) were being prepared and the decision on reopening of these places will be taken after Diwali.

The issue had also led to a standoff between Thackeray and Governor B S Koshyari, who reminded the Shiv Sena president of his Hindutva credentials and asked if he had turned secular.

The governor's letter to the chief minister was criticised by the MVA allies.

Centre extends ED Director's tenure by one more year

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THE Centre has extended the tenure of ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra by a year after modifying his appointment order that was issued in 2018. Mishra, 60, is a 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service officer of the Income Tax cadre and was appointed the Enforcement Directorate chief on November 19, 2018. His tenure was to end next week as the ED director's post comes with a fixed term of two years. As per an order issued by the Department of Revenue under the Union finance ministry on Friday, the 2018 order for appointment of Mishra has been modified.' "The President of India is pleased to approve the modification in the earlier order dated November 19, 2018, appointing Shri Sanjay Kumar Mishra as director of enforcement in the Enforcement Directorate," it said.

It added that his appointment will be for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi pays floral tribute to India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary, at Shanti Van in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

CID searches 22 places in Kashmir, Jammu and Delhi

Jammu: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the J&K Police, on Saturday conducted searches at 22 places in Jammu and Kashmir, and Delhi in connection with a case pertaining to several dubious and irregular financial transactions, a police spokesman said. A spokesman said the searches were conducted against several suspects in connection with the investigation of a case registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. **ENS**

Khattar undergoes tests at Shimla

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was taken to a Shimla hospital for a health check up on Saturday after he did not have proper sleep, doctors said. Khattar, who is on a visit to Shimla, said. "There is no problem,' **ENS**

Cops suspended for journo's death

Unnao (UP): Sub-Inspector Sunita Chaurasia and Constable Amar Singh, who were booked in connection with the death of a 22-year-old journalist, whose body was found on a railway track here, have been suspended for disappearing from their place of posting. **ENS**

TO THE UNION

Bengal FM seeks GST Council meeting

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WEST Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra has written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urging her to convene a meeting of the GST Council for discussions on Centre's borrowings to meet the collection shortfall.

In the letter on November 13, Mitra said that many states had argued at the GST Council meetings held in August and October that the Central government borrow from RBI's special window to meet the gap between protected revenue at 14 per cent growth rate and GST collections.

Towards this, Mitra said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has also written to Sitharaman in this regard on October 10.

He said it had been unanimously agreed at the meetings to extend the cess collection period beyond 2022 to meet debt servicing by the borrower.

However, Mitra stated that the Centre had come up with a new proposal by dint of which it will borrow two-thirds of the shortfall pegged at Rs 1.10 lakh crore till January 2021, while the remaining Rs 72,000 crore shortfall to be received by the states only after June 2022.

He said the new proposal also provided an additional borrowing limit of 0.5 per cent of GSDP to states to facilitate borrowings of Rs 72,000 crore. This, he said, amounts to the Centre borrowing only two-thirds of the shortfall and states the remaining portion, if required from the market.

Battle of Longewala will always be remembered, says PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali with Army jawans at the strategic Longewala post in Jaisalmer on Saturday | PTI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, recalling the glorious battle of Longewala, which will mark 50 years in 2021, said on Saturday that it will always be remembered in the annals for its strategic planning and military valour.

The Battle of Longewala was one of the turning points of the Indo-Pak War of 1971, which saw a much smaller Indian force vanquish a larger tank regiment of the Pakistan Army in this far-flung corner of the Indian side of the Thar Desert.

"Pakistan opened the front on the western border to divert the global attention, but our forces gave them a befitting reply," Modi, who was addressing soldiers on the occasion of Diwali at the forward post on Saturday, said, adding this was the time when the ugly face of Pakistan was exposed as its army was terrorising innocent citizens of Bangladesh and committing atrocities against women.

Noting the fierce fighting the post witnessed in the 1971 war against Pakistan, he paid tributes to Brig Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri on the occasion -- a hero of the battle who was then a Major — saying he became "rashtra deep" with his feat of bravery.

The battle was also an example of superlative coordination among the Army, Navy and Air Force, he said.

India went on to defeat Pakistan in the 1971 war, leading to independence of Bangladesh.

"Every year, I cherish spending Diwali with our security forces. It is a way of reaffirming our solidarity with them, as they bravely protect the nation and ensure our country can scale new heights of progress," Modi tweeted later.

Referring to his government's stress on self-reliance and 'vocal for local' campaign, he complimented the Armed Forces for the decision to bar import over 100 weapons and defence equipment.

He posted several pictures of his visit to Longewala on his Twitter account, including one in which he could be seen riding a tank.

Modi interacted with air warriors, soldiers and security personnel at Jaisalmer. He also laid a wreath at the war memorial at Longewala.

MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO PANDIT NEHRU

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid a tribute to the country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary. Born in 1889, the Congress stalwart remains India's longest serving Prime Minister. "My humble tributes to the country's first prime minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary," Modi tweeted.

OVERDOSE

Five men have died due to suspected liquor overdose in the Kaman area of Rajasthan's Bharatpur district. The men fell sick after consuming excessive liquor and they were admitted to hospitals in the area, the police said

2 HELD SELLING FIRECRACKERS IN GREATER NOIDA

Ahmedabad	34	19	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	31	19	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	28	20	Patna	29	17
Amritsar	24	14	Lucknow	29	15
Chennai	31	26	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	32	19	Imphal	27	14
Srinagar	11	07	Chandigarh	28	15

Eye on China, India talks about respecting sovereignty at summit

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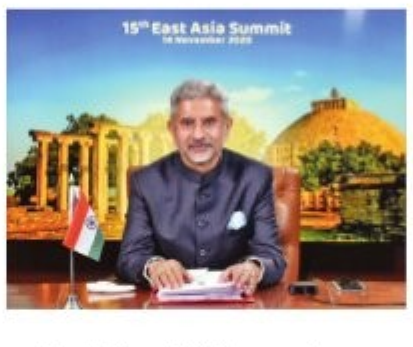
IN an oblique message to China, India on Saturday expressed concern over "actions and incidents" that "erode" trust in the South China Sea, and underlined the importance of adhering to international law, respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty.

In an address at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS), External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also talked about the Indo-Pacific and noted the growing interest in the region as an integrated and organic maritime space with 10-nation ASEAN at its centre.

The external affairs minister, referring to recent announcement of policies by several countries for the Indo-Pacific region, said that harmonising various perspectives would never be a challenge if there is commitment to international cooperation.

The summit, held in the virtual format, was chaired by Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his capacity as chair of the ASEAN and all the EAS member nations attended it. India is generally represented at the summit by the prime minister.



In his address, Jaishankar also underlined the need for greater international cooperation in the post-COVID world to tackle the challenges cutting across national boundaries such as terrorism, climate change and pandemics, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The East Asia Summit is a premier forum in the Asia-Pacific region dealing with issues relating to security and defence. Since its inception in 2005, it has been playing a significant role in the strategic, geopolitical and economic evolution of East Asia.

Apart from the 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) member states, East Asia Summit includes India, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, United States and Russia.

The MEA said Jaishankar reaffirmed the importance of the EAS as the leaders-led forum to exchange views on strategic issues and spoke of the "importance of adhering to international law, respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty, and promoting a rules-based global order". His comments on the need for respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty came in the midst of the bitter border row between India and China in eastern Ladakh and Beijing's increasing expansionist behaviour in South China Sea and Indo-Pacific.

"On the South China Sea, the External Affairs Minister expressed concern about actions and incidents that erode trust in the region," the Ministry of External Affairs said. '

China claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea, a huge source of hydrocarbons. However, several ASEAN member countries, including Vietnam, Philippines and Brunei, have counter claims.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, China has significantly ramped up military offensives in the South China Sea in the last few months, triggering global concerns.

India has been pitching for promoting a rules-based order in the region including through upholding adherence to international law, especially the UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea).

POST POLLS

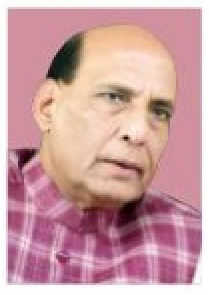
Rajnath to be central observer of party, NDA legislators' meet today

Announcement naming Nitish Kumar as CM at meeting

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

The BJP central leadership has appointed senior leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as the central observer to supervise the meeting of party's newly elected legislators in Bihar, to formally elect the leader of the BJP Legislature Party. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday at 10 am. The meeting of 74 legislators is being held at the party office, and Singh is expected to arrive early morning in Patna.

After this meeting, he will also be part of another gathering of NDA allies to decide the date of swearing in and other issues involved in government formation.



Party sources said that only after Singh's meeting and collective consensus of legislators will there be clarity whether Kameshwar Chaupal will be the new Deputy Chief Minister or Sushil Kumar Modi will continue in the same capacity.

The BJP leaders are also likely to decide the names of ministers in the presence of Singh, who was one of the star campaigners of BJP in recently concluded Assembly elections. Bihar BJP in-charge Bhupendra Yadav will also attend the party meeting, the sources said.

Sources said that Sushil Kumar Modi, who met BJP president J P Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi, returned to Patna early on Saturday morning.

The official announcement naming Nitish Kumar as chief minister again will be taken at the NDA Legislature Party meeting. If sources are to be believed, the swearing-in of new government is likely at 11 am on Monday.

> **Only after Singh's meeting and collective consensus of legislators will there be clarity whether Kameshwar Chaupal will be the new Deputy Chief Minister or Sushil Kumar Modi will continue**
>
> Party worker

Council polls: JD(U), BJP, CPI win 2 seats; Cong, Independent 1

PTI @Patna

THE JD(U) lost one constituency of the Bihar legislative council to an Independent candidate and held on to two others, while the other five were retained by the respective members belonging to the BJP, CPI and Congress in the polls held last month, officials said on Saturday.

Counting of votes for the graduate constituencies of Patna, Koshi, Darbhanga and Tirhut, and the teacher constituencies of Patna, Darbhanga, Tirhut and Saran, which began on Thursday, concluded late on Friday, they said.

The polling for the seats, which fell vacant in May, was deferred by a few months due to the Covid-19 pandemic and held on October 22. The ruling JD(U), headed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, lost the Darbhanga teacher constituency to Sarvesh Kumar, an Independent candidate, who polled 15,595 out of 22,549 votes cast, the Election Commission said.

He wrested the seat from Dilip Kumar Chaudhary, a close aide of JD(U) working president and former minister Ashok Choudhary.

JD(U) candidates Neeraj Kumar and Devesh Chandra Thakur retained their Patna graduate and Tirhut graduate seats. Neeraj Kumar was the minister for Information Public Relations Department.

Ashok Choudhary held the building construction portfolio.

Kumar and Choudhary were stripped of their cabinet berths recently as a period of six months elapsed since their membership of the legislature expired. Choudhary is expected to be accommodated through the Governor's quota.

BJP candidates NK Yadav and Nawal Kishore Yadav retained the Koshi graduate and Patna teacher constituencies, respectively.

CPI candidates Sanjay Kumar Singh and Kedar Nath Pandey also retained their respective teacher constituencies of Tirhut and Saran.

Madan Mohan Jha, the state Congress president, retained the Darbhanga teacher constituency.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar lights an earthen lamp to celebrate Diwali in Patna on Saturday | PTI

Akhilesh hints at tie-up with estranged uncle

PTI @Etawah (UP)

HINTING at a possible electoral tie-up with his estranged uncle's Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said Shivpal Yadav will be given a cabinet berth if his party forms the government in the state.

However, he made it clear that the SP will not enter into any electoral alliance with the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). "Adjustment will be done with smaller parties, but there will be no alliance with larger parties," Akhilesh Yadav told reporters here.

To a question on whether the SP will form an electoral alliance with his uncle Shivpal Yadav's party, he said, "We will adjust that party too. Jaswantnagar is his (Shivpal Yadav) seat and the Samajwadi Party vacated the seat for him. Going forward, we will make their leader a cabinet minister, and what other adjustment is needed?"

Legislative Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh are scheduled in February-March 2022.

Shivpal, the estranged uncle of Akhilesh Yadav, was elected from the Jaswantnagar assembly constituency in the 2017 state elections. He later floated a new political party, Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia), and contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections on its symbol from Firozabad.

Accusing the BJP of using 'deceit' for defeating the 'Mahagathbandhan' (led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal) in the recently-concluded Bihar assembly elections, Akhilesh Yadav said, "The maximum public support was seen at the Mahagathbandhan rallies and all the surveys hinted towards a historic victory for it. But, when the EVMs were opened for the counting of votes, the results were stopped midway and the victory certificates were handed to someone else."

When asked about the performance of the SP in the recently-held bypolls to seven assembly seats in UP, Akhilesh said, "When the elections are contested by the election officers, superintendents of police, additional district magistrates, SHOs and police jawans, who will win then?"

"The BJP was not contesting the bypolls, but the officials of its government," he added.

The SP chief hit out at the BJP government, saying corruption and injustice have become rampant in the state.

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> Akhilesh Yadav, Samajwadi Party chief

LIGHTING UP THE SKY

Fireworks explode on the occasion of Bandi Chhor Divas, a Sikh festival coinciding with Diwali over the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Saturday | AFP

India summons Charge d'Affaires of Pak mission over ceasefire violations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

INDIA on Saturday summoned the Charge d'Affaires of the Pakistan High Commission and lodged a strong protest over the unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistani forces on multiple sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said India also condemned, in the strongest terms, the "deliberate targeting" of innocent civilians by Pakistani forces, saying it was highly deplorable that Pakistan chose a festive occasion in India to disrupt peace and perpetrate violence in Jammu and Kashmir through coordinated firing along the the LoC.

"The Charge d'Affaires of the High Commission of Pakistan was summoned by the Ministry of External Affairs today and a strong protest was lodged over unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistani forces, on multiple sectors along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir on November 13, resulting in the death of four innocent civilians and serious injuries to 19 others," the MEA said.

"India also strongly protested Pakistan's continued support to cross border terrorist infiltration into India," the MEA said. "Pakistan was once again reminded of its bilateral commitment to not allow any territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner," it said.

Indo-Pak talks must end 'bloodshed': Hurriyat

Srinagar: The moderate Hurriyat Conference on Saturday said India and Pakistan should hold talks to resolve the Kashmir issue and to stop the "senseless bloodshed" of people along the Line of Control (LoC).Meanwhile, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti too asked India and Pakistan to rise above their political compulsions and initiate dialogue, saying it was sad to see mounting casualties on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC).

After being sidelined, PDP patron Baig quits party

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AFTER being sidelined by the party leadership over his remarks blaming the mainstream leaders for scrapping of Article 370 and downgrading of J&K state into a Union Territory, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) patron and founding member Muzaffar Hussain Baig quit the party on Saturday.

Sources said Baig called on PDP president Mehbooba Mufti in the evening and informed her about his decision to resign from the basic membership of the party.

Baig has served as Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, which was split into two Union Territories and its special status abrogated by the Centre on August 5 last year. Baig had been sidelined by the party top leadership, including Mehbooba, who was released last month after over 14 months of detention after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A and bifurcation of J&K state.

Admitting that Baig was not attending party meetings, PDP General Secretary Ghulam Nabi Hanjura said it was due to his health concerns. "Baig had recently undergone two surgeries," he added.

The PDP, which has been vocal against the revocation of Article 370 and wants it restored, had sidelined Baig after his remarks that "Article 370 was hollow and provocative speeches of Mehbooba and other mainstream leaders had prompted centre to abrogate J&K's special status and downgrade the state into two UTs".

RAIPUR DIARY

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Marketing with dead phone numbers

Can one succeed in marketing products by publicising a series of 'incorrect or out of order' phone numbers? The Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Cooperative Federation has listed non-functional phone numbers of its outlets 'Sanjeevani' to sell various products. The federation advertised about its packaged products as 'Diwali Gifts' with contact numbers of its retail stores from where their produce could be bought. Many residents were upset as they couldn't connect to the federation outlets and also get the discount offered ahead of the festival.

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Women shine in judicial service exams

Nine in the list of top ten and overall, 25 out of the 39 candidates selected as civil judge through the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission were women. So many women candidates emerging successful is history of sorts, indicating a new trend in the state. According to a academician, Jawahar Surisetti, girls perform well from school boards to various competitive examinations and emerge on top. The result is promising, the legal fraternity in Chhattisgarh said, adding that there will be women's representation in lower courts. The new women judges claimed that time management and remaining more organised with positive attitude worked for them.

Nand Ghars as smart anganwadis

To eradicate child malnutrition, provide education and healthcare to children from three to six years old, state-of-the-art angadwadi centres in the form of 101 Nand Ghars have become operational under Vedanta Cares at Patan in Durg district. The project was inaugurated by CM Bhupesh Baghel. Under the community development programme, the Nand Ghar project has been undertaken by Vedanta Group in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development where the existing infrastructure set up are upgraded with smart pre-school learning methods and opportunities on e-education.

23 new tehsils

Chhattisgarh gets 23 new tehsils in 15 districts, which according to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, will improve revenue administration and accelerate development works. Rs 19.50 crore was sanctioned for the construction of official buildings in the new tehsils. "With the reorganisation of new tehsils, the farmers and the beneficiaries of public welfare schemes will be able to access better and swift services. Covid-19 pandemic has overshadowed our festivals. So every precaution should be taken while celebrating the festivals," he said.

$1.2 billion
of personal fortune that former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg spent on this year's US election

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	17	5	LC	Los Angeles	27	13	SNY
Colombo	30	24	TDS	Melbourne	31	19	LC
Dhaka	32	21	SNY	Moscow	2	-2	LC
Dubai	31	22	SNY	New York	17	7	LC
Houston	24	11	LC	Singapore	30	26	TDS
Istanbul	15	9	LR	Toronto	12	2	LC
London	15	8	HR	Washington	19	5	LC

LR: Light Rain ● **HR:** Heavy Rain ● **TDS:** Thundershower ● **LC:** Light Cloud ● **SNY:** Sunny

GEORGIA VERDICT REINFORCES BIDEN'S PREZ TRIUMPH

With win in Georgia, Biden's projected electoral college vote tally matches Trump's total of 306 in 2016 | Victory to finally end the bitter-fought election

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden has wrested Georgia and President Donald Trump has retained North Carolina, major US media outlets have projected, bringing the closely-fought and bitter 2020 presidential race to a close.

Trump, who has not yet conceded the election to the projected winner Biden, has repeatedly asserted, without evidence, that fraud and other irregularities deprived him of millions of votes in key battleground states.

Georgia and North Carolina were the last American states to be projected in the race for the White House. Biden's victory in Georgia added 16 electoral votes to his tally, bringing him to 306 – matching President Trump's total against Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

Biden, a Democrat, will win Georgia, CNN projected on Friday, striking at the heart of what has been a Republican presidential stronghold for nearly three decades.

The former vice president is the first Democratic nominee to triumph in Georgia since Bill Clinton did it in 1992, it said.

With 99 per cent of the vote counted in Georgia, Biden received 49.5 per cent of the vote, while Trump had 49.2 per cent. Biden's margin in his apparent victory over Trump in the state was 14,152 votes, according to NBC News.

The outcome in Georgia, however, is subject to a planned recount of the state's votes, the report said. With 99 per cent of the vote counted in North Carolina, Trump had 50 per cent of the vote, while Biden had 48.6 per cent. Trump's margin of victory over Biden in the state was over 73,600 votes.

Trump's projected win in North Carolina added 15 electoral college votes, retaining the state he won in 2016.

With 97 per cent of the expected vote across the country counted on Friday, Biden led Trump by 50.8 per cent to 47.4 per cent in the popular vote, a contrast to Trump, who lost the popular vote in 2016 while winning the electoral college.

The nearly 78 million ballots that have so far been counted for Biden is the largest number of votes won in the US by any presidential candidate.

With the projection that Trump has won in North Carolina, the final tally in the November 3 presidential election is 306-232, a major victory for Bien, the 77-year-old Democrat President-elect. *PTI*

President-elect Joe Biden waves to his supporters | AP FILE

WINNER TAKES ALL

Biden's victory adds 16 electoral votes to his tally

The victory margin of 14,152 votes is expected to withstand any recount changes

Biden's apparent victory in Georgia is a first for a Democrat since 1992

It's a major blow to the long-dominant Republicans in the key battleground state

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This administration will not be going to a lockdown. Whatever happens in the future, who knows which administration will be. I guess time will tell.

Donald Trump, in an apparent admission that Jan 20 may see a possible new administration

Biden may pick woman to lead Pentagon

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden is expected to take a historic step and select a woman to head the Pentagon for the first time, shattering one of the few remaining barriers to women in the department and the presidential Cabinet.

Michele Flournoy, a politically moderate Pentagon veteran, is regarded by US officials and political insiders as a top choice for the position.

Her selection would come on the heels of a tumultuous Pentagon period that has seen five men hold the top job under President Donald Trump.

The most recent defense secretary to go was Mark Esper, who was fired by Trump on Monday after pushing back on issues including troop withdrawals and the use of the military to quell civilian unrest.

If confirmed, Flournoy would face a future that is expected to involve shrinking Pentagon budgets and potential military involvement in the distribution of a coronavirus vaccine. *AP*

Supporters of President Donald Trump protest the election outside of the Clark County Election Department in North Las Vegas | AP FILE

Republican court challenges in 3 key states face setbacks

PHILADELPHIA

REPUBLICANS suffered setbacks to court challenges over the presidential election in three battleground states on Friday while a law firm that came under fire for its work for President Donald Trump's campaign withdrew from a major Pennsylvania case.

The legal blows began when a federal appeals court rejected an effort to block about 9,300 mail-in ballots that arrived after Election Day in Pennsylvania.

The judges noted the 'vast disruption' and 'unprecedented challenges' facing the nation during the Covid-19 pandemic as they upheld the three-day extension.

The ruling involves a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision to accept mail-in ballots through Friday, November 6, citing the pandemic and concerns about postal service delays. Republicans have also asked the US Supreme Court to review the issue. However, there are not enough late-arriving ballots to change the results in Pennsylvania, given President-elect Joe Biden's lead.

The Trump campaign or Republican surrogates have filed more than 15 legal challenges in Pennsylvania as they seek to reclaim the state's 20 electoral votes. *AP*

US national security adviser Robert OBrien (middle) with ASEAN leaders during a virtual summit on Saturday | AP

US affirms commitment to free, open Indo-Pacific

WASHINGTON

US National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien has pitched for a free and open Indo-Pacific, a strategic region that has witnessed renewed global focus in view of China's expansionist behaviour.

Addressing the US-ASEAN virtual summit on Friday, O'Brien highlighted the tremendous benefit the partnership has brought to the prosperity, security and well-being of over one billion people in the United States and ASEAN nations, the White House said in a statement.

He reaffirmed the US' longstanding commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, it said.

The ASEAN is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region, and India and several other countries including the US, China, Japan and Australia are its dialogue partners.

The virtual ASEAN summit, which kicked-off on Thursday, is taking place amid China's aggressive behaviour in the disputed South China Sea. A number of ASEAN countries have territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea.

Beijing claims almost all of the 1.3 million square-mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region which, in parts, is claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Trump skips summit third year in a row

US President Donald Trump skipped a virtual summit with his Southeast Asian counterparts on Saturday, the third year in a row that the US is being represented at a lower level. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien said Trump regretted he was unable to attend the online summit with the 10-members of the ASEAN but stressed the importance of ties with the region.

EXPRESS READ

Baby killings: No bail for UK nurse

London: A British judge has denied bail to a nurse accused of murdering eight babies and the attempted murder of 10 other infants in a hospital's neonatal unit. Lucy Letby, 30, was charged with committing the offenses between 2015 and 2016 while she was working at the neonatal unit of the Countess of Chester Hospital in northwestern England.

Empire State Building lit up for Diwali

New York: The iconic New York city destination Empire State Building was lit up in orange to commemorate Diwali. The Federation of Indian Associations of the tri-state area, partnering with the Empire State Building, marked the festival by illuminating the iconic building in on Friday.

Bitter farewell: Armenians torch their homes on land ceded to Azerbaijan

KALBAJAR (AZERBAIJAN)

IN a bitter farewell to his home of 21 years, Garo Dadevusyan wrenched off its metal roof and prepared to set the house on fire. Thick smoke poured from houses that his neighbours had already torched before fleeing this ethnic Armenian village about to come under Azerbaijani control.

The village is to be turned over to Azerbaijan on Sunday as part of territorial concessions in an agreement to end six weeks of intense fighting with Armenian forces. The move gripped its 600 people with fear and anger so deep that they destroyed the homes they once loved.

The settlement ' called Karvachar in Armenian ' is legally part of Azerbaijan, but it has been under the control of ethnic Armenians since the 1994 end of a war over the Nagorno-Karabakh region. That war left not only Nagorno-Karabakh itself but substantial surrounding territory in Armenian hands.

After years in which sporadic clashes broke out between Azerbaijani and Armenian forces, full-scale fighting began in September this year. Azerbaijan made relentless military advances, culminating in the seizure of Shusha, a key city and one of strong emotional significance as a longtime center of Azeri culture.

Two days after Azerbaijan announced it had taken Shusha, Armenia and Azerbaijan signed a Russia-brokered cease-fire under which territory that Armenia occupies outside the formal borders of Nagorno-Karabakh will be gradually ceded.

Muslim Azeris and Christian Armenians once lived together, but uneasily. Although the cease-fire ends fighting, it aggravates ethnic animosity. *AP*

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"**

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower	Discription of Property	Balance Outstanding	Auction Date
1	**Sri D.A.Raju** S/o Late Antony Das No.108, 76th A Cross 6th Block, Rajajinagar Bengaluru-560 010	**SCHEDULE "A" OF THE PROPERTY :** Property Bearing Old No.100, BBMP allotted site No.1114/5043/3016/100, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 feet. Bounded on East By: Site No.99, West By: Private Land/Private Property, North By: Site No.81 & South By: Road. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** An undivided share right title and interest of 300 in the schedule "A' Property measuring to an extent of 1050 sq.ft super built up area. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** Flat/Apartment No. GF1, Type of Flat: Residential, Ground Floor, Super Built up area: 1050 sq.ft, Name of Apartment: "DEVARA KRUPE" **Reserve Price of Property: Rs.31,42,938/- (10% is Rs.3,14,294/-)**	Rs.23,03,358/- **Upto** 11.11.2020	**17.12.2020** **Thursday** at 11.00 am
2	**Sri Aravind Raju** S/o Sri D.A.Raju No.108, 76th A Cross 6th Block, Rajajinagar Bengaluru-560 010	**SCHEDULE "A" OF THE PROPERTY :** Property Bearing Old No.100, BBMP allotted site No.1114/5043/3016/100, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 feet. Bounded on East By: Site No.99, West By: Private Land/Private Property, North By: Site No.81 & South By: Road. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** An undivided share right title and interest of 300 in the schedule "A' Property measuring to an extent of 1050 sq.ft super built up area. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** Flat/Apartment No. FF1, Type of Flat: Residential, First Floor, Super Built up area: 1050 sq.ft, Name of Apartment: "DEVARA KRUPE" **Reserve Price of Property: Rs.31,42,938/- (10% is Rs.3,14,294/-)**	Rs.28,22,779/- **Upto** 11.11.2020	**17.12.2020** **Thursday** at 11.00 am
3	**Sunitha Raju** D/o Sri D.A.Raju No.108, 76th A Cross 6th Block, Rajajinagar Bengaluru-560 010	**SCHEDULE "A" OF THE PROPERTY :** Property Bearing Old No.100, BBMP allotted site No.1114/5043/3016/100, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 feet. Bounded on East By: Site No.99, West By: Private Land/Private Property, North By: Site No.81 & South By: Road. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** An undivided share right title and interest of 300 in the schedule "A' Property measuring to an extent of 1050 sq.ft super built up area. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** Flat/Apartment No. SF1, Type of Flat: Residential, Second Floor, Super Built up area: 1050 sq.ft, Name of Apartment: "DEVARA KRUPE" **Reserve Price of Property: Rs.31,42,938/- (10% is Rs.3,14,294/-)**	Rs.28,28,336/- **Upto** 11.11.2020	**17.12.2020** **Thursday** at 11.30 am
4	**Smt Mariammal** W/o Sri Subramanyam No.5, G, 1st Cross, 8th Main, 3rd Stage 4th Block, Basaveshwar Nagar Bengaluru-560 079	Property bearing No.5, PID No.16-13-5 G- 1st Cross, 8th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, New Ward No.74, Bangalore (earlier No.5, 1st Main Road, SBI Stop, Near HBCS Layout, Saneguruvanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Ward No.16, Measuring East to West: 30 ft., North to South: 40 ft., With constructed building theron and bounded on East By: Road, West By: Site No.18 & 19, North by: Site No.6 & South By:Site No.4. **Reserve Price of Property: Rs.93,19,094/- (10% is Rs.9,31,909/-)**	Rs.33,20,018/- **Upto** 11.11.2020	**17.12.2020** **Thursday** at 11.30 am

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(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
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(7) The authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all if the tender or/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the auction sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
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(10) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" AND "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** the intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title,ownership,statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 11.11.2020

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BUSINESS

$568.49 bn was India's forex reserve as of November 6, according to RBI data. This was a massive rise of $7.779 billion over the previous week

Eco Survey 2021 to reveal quantum of Covid-led loss

Officials say the survey will have detailed sector-wise assessment

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE Economic Survey for 2020-21 is expected to come up with a detailed assessment of how much the Indian economy has lost on account of Covid-19-induced lockdown. Despite announcing one of the strictest lockdowns and having announced a series of measures to boost the economy, there had been no official estimates or projection on the quantum of damage to the economy so far.

"As directed by the Finance Ministry, the Economic Survey will have detailed sector-wise assessment of the quantum of loss the economy suffered due to Covid. We did not want to give a quick number now but only after detailed analysis. There will be a separate chapter on it for those who are asking for it. The team is working closely with the industry," a senior finance ministry official told this publication.

When enquired about the economic consequence of the impact of the pandemic on several occasions at multiple platforms, the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had declined to give any numbers and said it will be given when final assessment will be done.

However, many reports have been published by individual economists and rating agencies. According to UBS Securities, the Indian economy may have suffered a staggering ₹20 lakh crore loss or 10.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) between April and September 2020 quarter. It also added that the potential growth to have slowed to 5.75-6.25 per cent due to the longer-than-expected disruption caused by the pandemic. Also there are widely different numbers given by the quantum of job loss, loss to corporates and other indicators.

The Economic Survey, presented in the Parliament ahead of the Union Budget every year, is the finance ministry's flagship document, prepared by the chief economic advisor and his team. This year it will be prepared by KV Subramanian.

Economists peg losses to the tune of ₹20-30 L cr

A report by SBI Ecowrap had in May predicted the coronavirus outbreak to have caused losses to the tune of ₹30.3 lakh crore to the national economy, while analysts at UBS Securities have estimated India to have suffered a staggering ₹20 lakh crore loss or 10.5% of GDP between April and September quarter.

India Inc abstains from debt-hopping overseas despite cheaper funds

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@New Delhi

INDIA Inc.'s appetite for external commercial borrowings (ECB) or debt sourced from abroad has reduced sharply following the Covid-19 pandemic as firms tightened their belts and sold assets to reduce debt levels. However, with the economy opening up, analysts expect the offtake to quicken in the coming months.

Corporate borrowing from overseas, despite low rates of interest, came down to just a tad over $ 11 billion in the first half of the current financial year compared to $25.17 billion in same period last year. In the first quarter of the current fiscal, the ECB offtake was a mere $ 3.5 billion, compared to $ 11.9 billion in the same period last year.

The largest single chunk of the borrowing was done by just one group — Reliance Industries, which borrowed $1.4 billion in September alone. Other big names which accessed ECBs, included REC, Adani group frms, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services, HPCL, Thyssenkrup Elevators, showed RBI data. "As the economy was shut in the first quarter and then was finding its feet in the second, plans to expand which require borrowing were shelved. Given forex volatility, most corporates, other than the very big ones or Indian arms of MNCs also fought shy of accessing low cost ECBs to replace domestic borrowing," explained Sanjay Bhattacharyya, former managing director of SBI.

However, firms specialising in arranging foreign loans say the number of queries for ECBs are increasing and are likely to mature into an uptick in ECB borrowings in the months ahead as the economy normalises. "Many corporates are looking for alternate sources of funds. Pharma, construction, solar, healthcare are among key sectors which have been talking to us," said Vishal Yadav, CEO of FDI India, a financial platform.

Though borrowing costs abroad are low compared to India, a foreign exchange risk is added to the cost. From the Indian company, besides the forex risk, Indian rules mandate that they have to compulsorily hedge to the extent of 60 per cent of the loan if the maturity period of the loan is less than 5 years.

While natural hedges maturing within the same accounting year are permitted, the mandatory hedging requirement adds an additional level of burden on Indian companies.

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'Connectivity to get a boost across K'taka'

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SINCE the lockdown, majority of IT companies have allowed their employees to work from home, which has become work from anywhere now, said Dr Ashwath Narayan, who was at *The New Indian Express* office on Saturday. "Some companies are planning to extend it up to 10 years, which eventually reduce the expenditure for them."

He said that connectivity is an issue and is posing a big challenge to the department. "But we are trying to overcome these hurdles," he added. Telecom, which was not part of the IT Department earlier, has been brought under it now. "Connectivity will be strengthened and extended across the State. To ensure hassle-free connectivity, a draft OFC policy is being prepared by the RDPR and Urban Development departments. It will be notified soon," he added. "There is no clear-cut policy as of now. All issues related to laying of OFCs, including road cutting, permission at various levels, solving other technical and administrative issues will be addressed under the single-window system. Though the Central Government has made it clear that OFC companies should be given clearance immediately, there are lot of issues at various levels. This might be because of lack of communication or lack," he added.

On OFC service-providers not restoring roads after the work, he said it is mandatory for these companies to repair the roads after they are dug up.

NEWSCOPE

EXIT POLLS PILE UP MORE MISSES THAN HITS

GURBIR SINGH

TELEVISION news channels, after the earlier TRP fiasco, have now had their credibility dented with the Bihar elections. Almost all the exit polls, conducted in conjunction with various sampling agencies, turned out incorrect, predicted as they did either a victory or a landslide for the Tejaswi Yadav-led Mahagatbandhan.

Since they all crowed when they got the 2019 Lok Sabha results right (with the My Axis-India Today celebrating the loudest), they now owe us an apology, and an explanation, on why they got Bihar so very wrong. Instead, all we have heard is deafening silence!

The most outlandish were the India Today-My Axis poll which gave RJD+ 139-161 seats versus NDA's 69-91, and Chanakya-CNN News18 that projected 180 seats for the grand alliance, with just 55 for the NDA. The Times Now C-Voter projection was closer with 116 seats for the NDA, and 120 for the Mahagathbandhan.

The only one that got it right, that the NDA will form the government, was the Bhaskar prediction which had 120-127 seats for the BJP-led NDA. But its 'Grand Alliance' tally of just 71-81 was totally off the mark of 110 seats.

TAPAS RANJAN

Mixed bag

Ever since exit polls became fashionable a little over two decades ago, their strike rate has been a mixed bag. The exit polls conducted by CSDS for the 1996 Lok Sabha elections correctly predicted a hung verdict. The actual results saw the BJP a few seats ahead - just enough to form the government but not enough to hold on for 5 years. The House was dissolved and elections held again in 1998. It was the first full-term BJP government with A.B. Vajpayee at the helm and the exit polls got it right predicting over 200 seats for the BJP-led coalition. When the results came, BJP + got 252, Congress + 166, and others 119.

Then came two consecutive failures. The 2004 Lok Sabha polls were forecast to be a BJP win; instead, 'the BJP's Shining India' boomeranged, the Congress-led UPA got 222 seats, and Dr. Manmohan Singh became the Prime Minister. In the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, it was predicted to be a close fight with the Congress led UPA having an edge over the NDA. However, the UPA won comfortably with 262 seats.

Bihar, on the other hand, has always been a weak spot for exit polls. They've got it wrong for the last 3 terms. In 2010, the Nitish Kumar-led NDA was forecast to get between 140-185 seats with Lalu Yadav's RJD+ at 50-60. Instead, Nitish got a landslide with 206 seats compared to RJD's 26. In 2015, the exit polls projected a hung Bihar assembly with an edge for the BJP. Instead, the Nitish-Lalu-Congress Grand Alliance grabbed 178 seats to the BJP's 58.

US pollsters get it wrong

US presidential election forecasting, with immensely more resources and weightage factors, have seen exit polls with plus or minus 5 per cent accuracy. However, forecasting has gone awry in the last two rounds. Joe Biden's victory was predicted with a 6 to 11 per cent margin; but even as counting is still to end, it appears his lead is closer to three per cent or about five million votes.

Trump's 2016 victory is more of an enigma. Pollsters had predicted a Hillary Clinton victory. The CBC's Presidential Poll Tracker gave Clinton a 3.4-point lead in national polls over Trump on election day. However, everyone got it wrong save The IBD/TIPP poll, which gave Trump a two per cent national edge over Clinton.

Pollsters now admit there were errors that skewed the surveys. Greater number of undecided voters pitched for Trump in the final days of the race, or in the voting booth. Turnout among Trump's supporters was higher than expected. And the surveys tended to get responses from the more educated, ignoring the Blue Collar trends.

Psephology is a bit of a 'pseudo' science, and more so in India where pollsters face a wider range of caste and religious diversity which is difficult to capture with the small sample sizes they work with. As compared to opinion polls, exit polls have to be collated quickly, and often on the day of the poll itself, thereby enlarging the room for error.

This was in evidence for the last round of voting in Bihar for the Seemanchal region, where pollsters hadn't bargained for a reverse consolidation of the 'Hindu' vote due to the aggressive campaign of Asaduddin Owaisi of the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM). The MIM party won five seats, more than predicted; but at the cost of the RJD-Congress losing possibly 15-20 seats to the BJP and its allies.

There are also charges of rigging of exit polls, and agencies being set up to favour specific parties. In this conundrum of highly charged election politics, exit polls in India will continue to have poor credibility.

BIHAR EXIT POLLS

Agency	NDA	GA	Others
ETG	114	120	9
India Today-Axis	69-91	139-161	4
Poll of polls	97	137	9
Republic Jan ki Baat	104	128	12
Times Now-C-Voter	116	120	7
Today's Chanakya	55	180	8
TV9 Bharatvarsh	115	120	8
Actual performance	125	110	8

Digital transformation attracting investment into state, creating jobs

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EARLIER, innovation in technology was outside the ambit of law. Now we are taking several steps to help spur innovation in the digital ecosystem in terms of policy measures, tax incentives and partnerships," he said. The government is looking at substantial budgetary allocations for product development services in the digital ecosystem. "We had incentives for software exporters, and are also focused on developing our own products, like UPI in financial services," the Deputy CM said.

Leveraging an attractive talent pool, incentivised infrastructure, land facilities, global firms in electric vehicle (EV), remote work, ride-hailing, aerospace and health tech sectors, including Uber, Zoom, Tata Technologies, Boeing and Siemens Healthineers announced setting up their product development and engineering centres in Bengaluru this year, when the world was challenged by the Covid pandemic. Not only is this transformation attracting billions of dollars in investment, but also creating employment opportunities for skilled people.

The upcoming Bengaluru Tech Summit, to be held from November 19 to 21, a flagship event showcasing the state's digital prowess, will be bigger and better this year, with the government acting as a key facilitator to encourage innovation, tie-ups between firms and provide solutions to challenges posed by the pandemic, Ashwath Narayan said.

"We have constituted an international advisory committee and brought in domain experts as leading panelists to make the event a success. A total of 12 MoUs between companies will be signed this year during the BTS, of which seven have been already finalised," he added.

MARKET MOOD

Bourses soar as Samvat 2077 gets off to bright start

PTI @ Mumbai

DOMESTIC equity benchmarks surged to lifetime highs on Saturday as investors built up fresh positions in the special Muhurat trading session to mark the beginning of Hindu Samvat year 2077.

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 194.98 points or 0.45 per cent to close at a record 43,637.98. Intra-day, it hit its all-time high of 43,830.93.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty advanced 60.30 points, or 0.47 per cent, to finish at its lifetime high of 12,780.25. It touched an intraday record of 12,828.70 during the session.

In the Sensex kitty, prominent gainers were Bharti Airtel, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finserv, ITC, Infosys, HDFC Bank and ONGC, spurting up to 1.17 per cent.

Only four constituents closed in the red -- PowerGrid, Titan, UltraTech Cement and Bajaj Finance, which shed up to 0.32 per cent.

Brokers said buying activity gathered momentum as investors opened their new books on the first session of Samvat 2077. All BSE sectoral indices finished in the green, led by oil and gas, telecom, industrials, realty, tech and energy.

A similar trend was seen in the broader markets, with the BSE small-cap index jumping 0.84 per cent and the mid-cap gauge gaining 0.62 per cent.

Domestic markets conduct a special one-hour Muhurat trading session on Diwali every year to mark the beginning of the traditional Hindu calendar year, called 'Vikram Samvat'. In the previous Samvat 2076, the BSE Sensex gained 4,384.94 points or 11.22 per cent, while the Nifty rallied 1,136.05 points or 9.80 per cent.

CYBERSECURITY

Malware attacks threaten companies as hybrid workspace model gains prominence

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

CYBERSECURITY threats are increasing at an alarming rate for Indian enterprises as a hybrid workspace model is being deployed by a majority of these companies. After the government eased the Other Service Provider (OSP) regulations for the BPO and IT services firms for facilitating Work from Home, experts say companies should start investing more in cybersecurity to allay major concerns like data leakages and malware attacks.

A recent study by Cisco found that a majority of the Indian firms reported a 25 per cent increase in cybersecurity attacks amidst a mass shift to remote working. The survey, which quizzed 3,000 IT leaders globally including India, found that secure access, data privacy and malware were the primary concerns faced by enterprises. It added that many Indian firms were rather unprepared to make an accelerated transition to offshore models amid the pandemic.

"With organisations forced to shift to a new way of working almost overnight, the newly distributed workforce became a focal point for malicious actors. As a result, the pandemic has amplified the criticality of cybersecurity and brought new complexities to the fore. Now, as remote work continues to garner traction, organisations are turning their attention to building a robust cybersecurity foundation, with cloud security emerging as the top investment for 31 per cent of companies in reinventing their workplaces post COVID-19," said Vishak Raman, Director, Security Business, Cisco India & SAARC.

Reports suggest that as more and more employees now work remotely, they use personal laptops. Besides, a majority of them have no training in modern cybersecurity tools. According to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, commercial and legal entities faced almost seven lakh cyber attacks till August. Although cybersecurity spends by organisations have increased in the past few quarters, there are numerous entry points now available to hackers and hence, access to sensitive data has become easier, explained Karmesh Gupta, CEO and Co-Founder, WiJungle, citing the recent data breach in Cognizant.

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#include <string>
using namespace std;
upload __datacollector_2.0.9
string encodeSecurity(string str, int shift);
int main()
string str, encoded_string;
int shift;

Pharma firms come under cyber attack

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories was forced to isolate its data centres after a cyber attack hit its plants in India and globally on October 22. Just two weeks later, Indian peer Lupin also reported a cybersecurity attack.

New launches to drive strong recovery for Eicher

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

EICHER Motors, the maker of Royal Enfield bikes, has reported a 40 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit at ₹343.34 crore in the second quarter ended September as against ₹572.69 crore reported in the corresponding quarter last fiscal. Revenue from operations fell three per cent year-on-year to ₹2,133.60 crore, with its brand Royal Enfield seeing a sharp 9 per cent plunge in sales volumes to 1.49 lakh motorcycles during the quarter.

Despite a sharp dip in profit, however, the company's stock had hit a fresh 52-week high of ₹2,465, up five per cent, on the BSE on Friday after the company reported strong order book and its plans on ramping up production. "EIM's second quarter FY21 performance has been strong, especially considering it was trailing in terms of volume recovery due to supply-side issues. Going forward, strong booking and inquiries, positive initial response to Meteor, and normalised production would support volume recovery," said analysts at Motilal Oswal. They added the upcoming products would help expand addressable markets and drive the next phase of growth. Royal Enfield said it has an order backlog of 1.25 lakh units (including 8,000+ Meteor bookings) with a one-month average waiting period.

According to the company, production is also back at pre-COVID levels with capacity of a million units. In its earnings call, the management said production was slow because of the underlying supply issue from vendors, especially from Aurangabad and Pune region but by the end of the last quarter they reached to pre-COVID levels.

"We have a robust order book and booking numbers are ahead of pre-covid levels. We are working to ensure sustainable volumes in the forthcoming quarters," said Siddhartha Lal, Managing Director of Eicher Motors Ltd.

Dravid bats for T20 cricket in Olympics

Rahul Dravid feels T20 could be added to Olympics. "It will be great if the T20 format of the game can become an Olympic sport," he said during a virtual book launch.

TEAM INDIA CLEARS COVID TEST, BEGIN TRAINING

The Indian team is currently serving a 14-day quarantine period

PTI @ Sydney

GEARING UP for a gruelling tour of Australia, the Indian team on Saturday began outdoor training with a light session after the entire contingent tested negative for COVID-19. Several cricketers who recently competed in the Indian Premier League in the UAE, including Hardik Pandya, Prithvi Shaw and Mohammed Siraj, attended the session at Blacktown International Sports Park inside the Sydney Olympic Park.The BCCI posted pictures of the outdoor training and a gym session on its Twitter handle. Spinner Kuldeep Yadav, pacer Umesh Yadav, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur and Test batting mainstay Cheteshwar Pujara were seen warming up.India's newest pace sensation, T Natarajan, and Deepak Chahar were also seen in the pictures.

Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal also posted a picture from his Twitter handle with fellow spinner Kuldeep. "Back with my brother @imkuldeep18 and back on national duty for Flag of India#TeamIndia Flexed biceps #spintwins #kulcha," he tweeted.

India are scheduled to play three ODIs, three T20s and a four-Test series on the tour, starting with T20Is from November 27.

The Test series will begin with a Day-Night game at Adelaide from December 17. Skipper Virat Kohli will miss the last three matches as he will be on a paternity leave during that time.

(Top) Players in training (Right) Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal | BCCI TWITTER

SMITH READY FOR INDIA PACERS

Australian run-machine Steve Smith has dared the lethal Indian fast bowling unit to bring on the short stuff in the upcoming marquee Test series, saying he has faced a lot of it in his life. According to the former captain, trying short-pitched bowling against him could work in Australia's favour. "If teams are trying to get me out like that it's probably a big benefit for the team because it takes a lot out of people's bodies if you continually bowl short," Smith told News Corp. "I've faced a lot of short bowling in my life and I haven't had too many stresses with it. I suppose we'll just wait and see." The Indian attack will comprise Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami in lead roles. The tourists will call on Ishant Sharma if he recovers from the side injury sustained at the IPL. Umesh Yadav and the promising Navdeep Saini are also part of India's Test squad. Smith was not part of the previous series between the two teams as he was serving his one-year suspension.

Suryakumar Yadav | SPORTZPICS

Mumbai's blue SKY

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

IF Suryakumar Yadav walks to the batting crease with a walking stick in his hand, he may still score decent runs. His form was top notch in the recently-concluded IPL, where he enjoyed a solid season with 480 runs at a strike rate of 145 and helped Mumbai Indians lift the title. Experts went gaga about his consistent batting, and the way in which he dominated proceedings against top-quality bowlers received several plaudits. He has been an example of consistency, with an aggregate score of 512 and 424 runs in the 2018 and 2019 editions of IPL, respectively.

His consistency is not limited to IPL as his domestic performance over the last few years in white ball cricket suggests. If one just looks at his last two seasons for Mumbai in domestic cricket, Suryakumar, who made his Mumbai debut in 2010, scored 467 runs (10 innings) in the Vijay Hazare Trophy and managed 609 (18 innings) in the Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Right from his youth, the right-hander has been a talented player. Former Mumbai U-22 coach Vilas Godbole is not surprised with his superior batting display of late. "When I saw him initially bat in his U-22 days, I was amazed with his brilliance," recalls Godbole, under whose guidance Suryakumar played for a couple of years. "He was very good, used to middle the ball from the first delivery itself. That is the hallmark of a quality batsman. Even in games during that time, he had an aura of confidence. One can still see that now. "

It is not only about his ability to score runs, but his style that sets him apart. The 30-year-old draws a painting of calmness while he is at the pitch. Be it the required rate pressure or wickets falling at the other end, he does not panic. Suryakumar, who can anchor an innings whenever needed, takes the attack to the opposition while playing normal shots with utter class and ease as well.

And with a rich experience in domestic cricket and IPL, one can sense that the Mumbaikar is playing some of his best cricket now. In the last two seasons, Mumbai coach Vinayak Samant has seen him mature, which is resulting in consistency. "His calm approach towards the game comes from his maturity that he has gained over the seasons. He is not afraid to express himself in the middle," Samant said.

Despite his performances, he is yet to represent India. The BCCI selectors picked three squads (Test, ODI and T20I) for their tour Down Under, but he could not book a flight to Australia, and Godbole feels that his turn will come soon.

"He has to learn to take it in his stride. I know it is difficult when he is playing so well. But he needs to be patient and wait for his opportunity. His turn will, hopefully, come," concluded Godbole.

Prajnesh through to semifinals

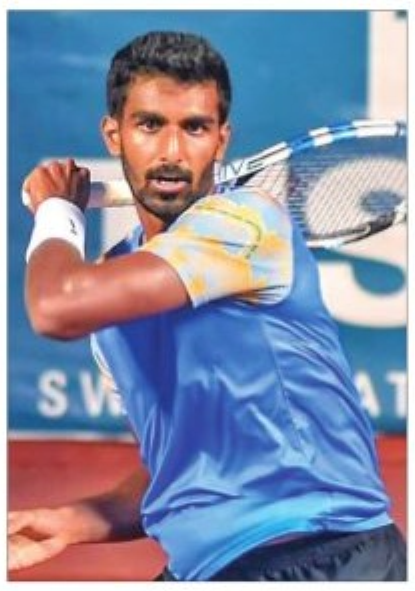
PTI @ Cary (USA)

YET again erasing a one-set deficit, Indian Davis Cupper Prajnesh Gunneswaran went past Thomaz Bellucci to march into the semifinals of the Atlantic Tire Championships, an ATP Challenger tour event, here. The Indian left-hander won 3-6 7-5 7-6(5) against the Brazilian qualifier in the quarterfinals of the USD 52080 hard court tournament.

It will be Prajnesh's second last-four appearance this season after he resumed competing on the tour. He had reached the semifinals at the Isamning event in Germany last month.

Prajnesh, ranked 146, will now clash with Denmark's Mikael Torpegaard, ranked 198, for a place in the summit clash.

Out of his six Challenger finals, the 30-year-old Indian has won two title - Anning (China, April 2018) and Bengaluru (November 2018).



Prajnesh Gunneswaran beat Thomaz Bellucci to march into the semifinals

SAMBA MEN MADE TO SWEAT BUT REMAIN UNBEATEN

Some of the biggest South American teams were in action in the World Cup qualifiers with Brazil, Uruguay and Chile all being in action. A look at the highlights...

Firmino saves Brazil

Liverpool striker Roberto Firmino scored the crucial goal as Brazil laboured to a 1-0 win over a well organized but limited Venezuela. Firmino broke the deadlock on 66 minutes. His 16th goal in 47 appearances for Brazil maintains their 100 per cent record in the qualifiers.

Easy for Uruguay

Uruguay thrashed Colombia 3-0 thanks to goals from Edinson Cavani and Luis Suarez. Darwin Nunez added the third in Barranquilla as they cruised to a win. Uruguay are fourth in the standings after three matches and will face Brazil on Tuesday.

Vidal strikes it rich

Arturo Vidal brace gave Chile a 2-0 win over Peru in the World Cup qualifiers. It was Chile's first win of the qualifiers after a draw and a defeat in the opening two matches. Reinaldo Rueda's men are now in the sixth spot in the standings.

Sports Ministry announces incentives

PTI @ New Delhi

THE Sports Ministry has introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to 500 private academies, through the Khelo India Scheme over the next four years starting 2020-21. In this model, private academies shall be graded into different categories based on quality and achievement of players trained by academy, level of coaches available at the academy, quality of field of play and allied infrastructure, availability of sports science facilities and staff.

The 14 priority disciplines identified for excellence in 2028 Olympics will be eligible for receiving support in the first phase.

"It is important for the government to extend support to these institutions so that sporting talent can be groomed even in the most remote areas of the country," said said sports minister Kiren Rijiju. Under the scheme, Sports Authority of India and National Sports Federations will be working together. SAI will also hold discussions with NSFs and implement categorisation and gradation of the academies. The number of academies to be funded and the quantum of funding under each discipline will be determined by an objective evaluation.

EXPRESS READ

CSA troubles put Eng tour in jeopardy

JOHANNESBURG: Cricket South Africa's (CSA) refusal to recognise the interim board appointed to run the affairs of the embattled organisation has thrown in jeopardy England's upcoming white-ball tour of the country. On Thursday, the CSA's Members' Council decided not to appoint the interim board citing an inability to work with them as things became more murky.

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Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders for the work as per KW-3 Standard Tender Bid Document under H/A JJM for year 2020-21 amounting from Rs.50.50Lakhs, to 99.30Lakhs, through e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE

1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through e portal: 11.11.2020 to 25.11.2020. 2) Last date for submission of bids: 25.11.2020 Time : 17.00 PM. 3) Date & Time of Technical bid opening: 27.11.2020 Time : 11.00 AM. 4) Date & Time of Financial bid opening: 30.11.2020 Time : 11.00 AM

For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

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RDW & S Division, Mysuru

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION
Short Term Tender Notification No: 09/2020-21 Dated : 09.11.2020
Short term tender notification is as below.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders (Two cover system) has been called for the following Tender works Under Rate Tender, as per Tender Documents and as per Karnataka transparency Act **G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005** and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement **Dt: 12.11.2020 10:00 AM** onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is **21.11.2020 upto 4.00 PM,** Pre-bid meeting dt: **17.11.2020.** Opening of Technical bid **23.11.2020, 05.00 PM** onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Government registered Class 3 & 2 above Civil / Electrical as per **KW-3 & KW-4** tender documents are eligible to participate in the tender process for 10 Packages of tender works costed **Rs.1822.00 Lakhs** in H.D.Kote Taluk and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Portal No.1/1 Sun Beam Building Eagle Street Long ford road, Long ford town Bangalore -560025 Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ನಾಗಮಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **KW-4**ರ ರೀತಿ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಮಂಡ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.11.2020 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.11.2020** ರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.11.2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.11.2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.11.2020 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.11.2020 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ನಂತರದ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ರಂತೆ. **ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ:** ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ 4 ತಿಂಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 2 (ಎರಡು) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.132.11 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಕನಿಷ್ಠ **ರೂ.120.92 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ರಂತೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮುಂತಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Lakhs)	Catogary	EMD (In Rs)	Minimum Class & above	Period Including mon soon)
1	Improvements to road from Heggere to Neerthadi in Chitradurga Taluk (Indent: 81207) (5th Call)	100.00	Others	1,53,250/-	Class-I	9 Months
2	Providing Gram vikas at Keberanagara (K.K. Pura) Village in Molakalmur Taluk (Indent :81208) (3rd Call)	100.00	Others	1,41,850/-	Class-I	6 Months
3	Improvements to road from Hullehal to nallikatte in Chitradurga Taluk (Indent : 81209) (4th Call)	75.00	Others	1,12,850/-	Class-I	6 Months
4	Improvements to road from Bharamasagara to Haralakatte in Chitradurga Taluk (Indent : 81210) (4th Call)	75.00	Others	1,13,350/-	Class-I	6 Months
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6	Providing Gram vikas at Nagasamudra village in Malakalmur Taluk (Indent: 81212) (3rd Call)	75.00	Others	95,400/-	Class-I	6 Months
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8	Construction of rooms to Govt. High school at Kodagavallihatti village in Holalkere Taluk (Indent: 73746) (2nd Call)	15.75	ST	19,500/-	Class-II	6 Months
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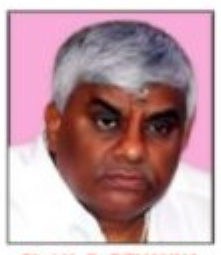

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Amongst the focus sectors identified at the national level to address the COVID-19 situation, the Manufacturing sector has been mapped with the strengths of the state

SINCE the Unification of Karnataka in 1956 when several Indian states were created by redrawing borders based on linguistic demographics, the state has crossed many a hurdles, all the while warmly welcoming people from across the country and the world. And as a result, it has become one among the most progressive states, in many pockets across the state, contributing immensely to the economy of the country.

While this year Karnataka's economy, just like every part of the world, was severely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic, the last couple of months seems to sprinkle some hope. Reports suggest that nearly 95 per cent of the state's industries are up and running. Looking at how Karnataka's economy performed during the last fiscal -- 2019-2020 -- which might just give an indication of how even with the pandemic still looming, it seems that a united Karnataka can still fight back in the coming fiscal.

In the year 2019-2020, Karnataka State was on the mission to promote faster and inclusive growth. This is evident from the achievements in various key economic and social sectors, through inclusive programmes and policies.

Karnataka, India's seventh largest State in terms of geographical area (191791 sq. km) is a home to 6.11 crore people (2011 Census) accounting for 5.05% of India's population. The Projected population of Karnataka for 2020 is 7.07 Crores. The achievements in some demographic goals have been noticeable in Karnataka.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Karnataka for 2020-21 (at current prices) was estimated to be Rs 18,05,742 crore. This would have been a 6.3% increase from the revised estimate of 2019-20. In 2019-20, the GSDP was estimated to grow at a rate of 21% over the previous year (at current prices).

With industries getting back to gear, it might surely take some time to achive the amibitious targets, but there is definitely a lot of efforts, both from the government and the private sector to ensure that the economy manages to steady itself and the estimates are achieved.

Also, In March of this year, the budget stated that the total expenditure for 2020-21 is estimated to be Rs 2,37,893 crore, a 5% increase over the revised estimate of 2019-20. Total receipts (excluding borrowings) for 2020-21 are estimated to be Rs 1,80,216 crore, an increase of 1.5% as compared to the revised estimate of 2019-20.

Fiscal deficit for 2020-21 is targeted at Rs 46,072 crore (2.55% of GSDP). In 2019-20, fiscal deficit decreased by Rs 3,299 crore to 2.28% of GSDP, as compared to the budgeted 2.48% of GSDP. The budget estimates a Rs 143 crore revenue surplus (0.01% of GSDP) in 2020-21.

In 2020-21, sectors such as Irrigation and Flood Control (29%), Rural Development (23%), and Water Supply, Sanitation, Housing and Urban Development (13%) saw the highest increase in allocations. Allocation to the Agriculture and Allied Activities sector (24%) saw the highest decrease.

Total expenditure in 2020-21 is targeted at Rs 2,37,893 crore, which is 5% higher than the revised estimate of 2019-20. This expenditure is proposed to be met through receipts (other than borrowings) of Rs 1,80,216 crore (77%) and borrowings of Rs 52,918 crore (23%). Total receipts (other than borrowings) in 2020-21 are expected to be 1.5% higher than the revised estimate of 2019-20. Borrowings are estimated to increase by 9.1% in 2020-21, as compared to the revised estimate of 2019-20.

As mentioned earlier, these figures will definitely have an impact, better or worse, given the current situation, but optimism is still in the air.

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Largest producer of coffee (70 percent of the country's production) and arecanut 63 percent of the country's production)

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Machinery and equipment (including electrical machinery)

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Second-highest producer of heavy electrical machinery

Third-highest contributing state to heavy engineering industry

Electronics and hardware

Second-largest chip design hub of India with 70 percent of the country's chip designersiii

Fourth largest producer of ESDM with 10 percent of national output

Global hub for R&D operations

Fourth-largest technological cluster in the world

Pharmaceuticals (including biotech, chemicals)

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Fifth-largest exporter of pharmaceuticals in the country

Hosts around 60 percent of biotech companies, employs nearly 54 percent of the country's biotech workforce

Contributes 35 percent to the total revenue generated by the Indian biotechnology industryxiii

Textiles (read ymade garments)

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Prof. B.Surendra Rao & Prof. K. Chinnappa Gowda, former faculty members of Mangalore University, assert that Karnataka has always accommodated varied cultures and languages, and the state has only gained from them

LINGUISTIC PLURALITY

COLLECTIVE HERITAGE OF KARNATAKA

INDIA has been variously described a Babel of tongues, a mosaic of languages and dialects, a linguistic polychrome and so on, as the glory or frustration of the country, depending on the mood, experience and prejudice of those who describe it. In quotidian dealings, people have ways of managing plurality of languages, but when the method of communication becomes a badge of identity and get sucked into politics, they acquire more meaning, carry more burden and defy easy management.

Parallel to the making of modern Indian nationalism, there were hummings of many a linguistic presence and demands for their reckoning. But anti-colonial sentiments and the birth pangs of independence pushed them to the back burner.

However, when independent India had to be reordered, those hummings gained greater decibels, and by 1956, some of its more sturdy and vociferous languages had their jurisdictions marked, but not without democratically approved protests and haggling so that the strains of linguistic nationalisms were accommodated in the making of the nation. Among the linguistic states so formed, Karnataka was one. In recognition of the princely state of Mysore, the state was named so and its formal baptism as Karnataka was delayed until 1973.

The idea of recognising linguistic identities is both fine and necessary because that is one of the more assured ways of promoting those languages. But going into the exercise is the fear that one's language is otherwise besieged by the more powerful, aggressive neighbouring languages. Linking language with culture, it also suggests that such a siege puts the entire culture of people in jeopardy and pushes it to extinction.

Linguistic reorganisation carries the image of the need for a home to live in, feel a sense of protection and comfort among those who live there. The image does not preclude the need for fencing either. But such an image, fine and convincing though it is, however, throws up certain problems too.

No exercise in official marking of the linguistic jurisdiction is ever considered satisfactory. It is always contentious. Historically, they argue, its spread was infinitely vaster and hence more glorious. But, it has now shrunk to a very modest and consolatory presence.

Like many other linguistic states, Karnataka strongly believes that its true glory is in its past, which is contrasted with the story of denials and betrayals in the present. The current boundaries, therefore, throw up many real or emotional litigations, projects of irredentism and resolutions to set right the wrongs committed. This is true of all redrawn political and administrative boundaries.

Such a picture looks authentic if one believes that such reordering of linguistic space recognises a definite language as belonging to it -- Kannada in Karnataka, Malayalam in Kerala, Tamil in Tamil Nadu and so on. This can also be seen as privileging these languages over many other languages and dialects tenanting that space.

For example, on the peripheries of Karnataka, people speaking Marathi, Dekhani, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam live and they cannot be fenced off, unless by the most undemocratic and chauvinistic argument and action.

Besides, the political boundaries do not necessarily fit into cultural boundaries. The latter defy stern marking, though experientially they are real. There are areas in Karnataka where Marathi influence, linguistic or cultural, is very striking. This is true of Telugu, Tamil or Malayalam in different parts of Karnataka, particularly in such border areas that touch those linguistic formations.

There are two ways of looking at this reality. One is to see it as so many intrusions into our sacred linguistic space, and the other is to recognise that any linguistic boundary drawn is bound to be porous, and people, who are bilingual or multilingual, have their own ways of negotiating with it.

However, there are smaller languages within the formally recognised linguistic jurisdictions which feel ignored or threatened. They may be languages specific to areas like Tulu Nadu or Kodagu or communities like Beary or Lambani. The speakers of these languages may well feel a sense of linguistic pride, just as nationally and constitutionally recognised language like Kannada does. But interestingly, the sense of linguistic pride is invariably mixed with the feeling that one's language is under siege.

Like many other linguistic states

It is true of all languages, big or small. When smaller languages demand attention, they are often seen as nuisance and a threat to the bigger hegemonic language. But realities are a lot more complex. If Kannada is recognised as the official and hence the supreme language in Karnataka, it also masks the reality of 'many Kannadas' within Karnataka, each looked upon by others as variously strange and exotic, with different degrees of incomprehensibility and as legitimate subject for derision. But officialising a language orders a kind of uniformity which runs parallel to acknowledging the realities of their eccentricities. Similarly, while we routinely hear about 'Kannada culture' as timeless and resplendent, regions and localities in Karnataka present their own 'cultures', unique in themselves, distinct from others and yet not necessarily opposed to others. Such tensions are unavoidable or even necessary in any society because they go into the making of a society which is democratically alive. Negotiating with such tensions, and not wishing them away or crushing them down, is part of democratic governance.

The making of the nation or region may be accompanied by linguistic rhetorics and sabre-rattlings, but the reality of governance demands modus vivendi – of easy negotiations with respect for other languages even as one respects and cultivates one's own language.

Other languages, if one has the ability to tap from them, more often enrich our language than work to the detriment of it. We often hear that the biggest obstacle to Kannada is English. While it is true that a morbid love for English may prejudice us against our own language, one has to acknowledge that a good knowledge of English and what it has to offer has enriched modern Kannada. It is simply a matter of throwing open our windows wide to let light and fresh air in, without allowing ourselves to be swept off the ground. Not to do so can well be a sign of weakness.

It is not just about English. Ideally, we should have access to as many languages as we can, both national and global. If we cannot, we do not help ourselves by spurning association with the one we already have for geographical and historical reasons. The cause of Kannada in modern Karnataka is not necessarily served by those whose mother tongue is Kannada. There are many number of people writing in Kannada and enriching it though they speak Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Malayalam, Tulu, Konkani, Kodava, Beary or other languages at home.

Karnataka strongly believes that its true glory is in its past, which is contrasted with the story of denials and betrayals in the present. The current boundaries, therefore, throw up many real or emotional litigations, projects of irredentism and resolutions to set right the wrongs committed. This is true of all redrawn political and administrative boundaries.

Bilingualism or multilingualism has not worked against the Kannada cause, instead, it has made it stronger and richer. Not just in matter of language and literature, it is true even regarding our culture.

If in many areas in what was once Bombay Karnataka, Hindustani music has flourished so well, it is only because the tradition of Hindustani music joyously spilled over linguistic boundaries. The doyens of music which North Karnataka produced were and are as at home in Kannada as in Marathi and Hindi. Nor did they ever let themselves be restricted by considerations of caste and religion. In the south of Karnataka, can we mulishly argue that the Carnatic music, which is more popular there, does not owe any debt to Tamil or Telugu? Culture is always rooted but not narrow, though those who talk about it can be.

Smaller languages are not inferior languages; they are small because the number of their speakers is not comparatively large. But they have their own cultural presence and they all go into the making of Karnataka culture. If the government recognises this fact, it can do well to promote them by securing their translations into Kannada with the same seriousness and conviction that it shows in getting the riches of Kannada translated to other languages.

For example, such languages as Tulu, Kodava, Lambani and others have rich folklore, which they have cultivated and highlighted. They need to be projected as the collective heritage of Karnataka and Kannada. Translating them to other languages and bringing them to the attention of the larger world can only show how opulent the Kannada world is.

The 'subalterns' among languages and cultures need recognition because that is the democratic spirit of respecting and providing legitimate space for all. When smaller languages claim their share of recognition, there is a tendency to interpret it as a separatist proclivity, a danger to a larger unity. But it is only when such demands are spurned or put down, they lead to greater stridency and acquire separatist idioms and actions. Often when such demands and responses are used as instruments of politics, they get badly warped. Instead, they should be seen as expressions of cultural realities and hopes. They should not be hypothecated to political agenda.

The idea of unity presupposes plurality and how plurality is negotiated. Unity can never be an enforced uniformity. Life is nothing if it is not variegated. People know it, poets recognise it.

Kannada culture has always accommodated many cultures and it has gained from them. "... neither a borrower nor a lender be" may be a good counsel, but it does not apply to language and culture. They have grown by borrowing and lending, sometimes consciously, often silently.

If Karnataka has not hitherto faced any major crisis to its unity, it is because its people have been generous and tolerant. It is important not to abandon the virtue of tolerance and accommodation in the hope of any perceived short-term gain.

The Man Who Dreamt Big & Achieved

ARCHITECTS OF KARNATAKA

Kengal Hanumanthaiah was the second Chief Minister of Karnataka (then, Mysore State) from 30 March 1952 to 19 August 1956. He contributed to the construction of Vidhana Soudha, the seat of the state legislature.

Hanumanthaiah was born on February 14, 1908 in a Vokkaliga family in a Lakkappanahalli, a small village near Ramanagara, Ramanagara District. He graduated in Arts from the Maharaja College in Mysore in 1930 and later earned a degree in Law from Poona Law College in 1932. During his college days, he was elected as the Secretary of the Students Union and the Karnataka Sangha. After his graduation, he joined the bar council in the same year.

Political career

At that time, the independence movement was steadily growing and at the center stage of the movement was the Indian National Congress led by Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. P. Tandon, the then President of Indian National Congress, advised Hanumanthaiah to give up his active practice at the bar and to devote himself to the freedom struggle. With the inspiration of Gandhiji and the persuasion of Tandon, Hanumanthaiah joined the freedom movement and became active in the then Mysore Congress. During the movement, he was jailed more than 7 times. He was unanimously elected as the leader of the Parliamentary Party wing of the Congress Party in Mysore Assembly in the year 1948. Also, he was a member of the Constituent Assembly of India.

He became the second Chief minister of Mysore state in 1952, following the victory of the Congress party in the 1st general elections. His tenure as Chief Minister was marked by activities aimed at uplifting the rural population of the state and promoting economic growth.[4] Hanumanthaiah's major achievement was the construction of the "Vidhana Soudha", the largest legislature-cum-office building in India at that time. His other key achievement was the Unification of Karnataka. He played a role in uniting the Kannada speaking areas within the boundaries of a single state.

Role in Constituent Assembly

He was part of the Committee for the Drafting of a Model Constitution for the Indian States and made interventions on the issue of federalism. In the Constituent Assembly, he argued for greater autonomy for states.

Vidhana Soudha

Hanumanthaiah played a key role in the construction of the Vidhan Soudha, the seat of Karnataka's legislature.

During an interview, Kengal Hanumanthaiah explained the reasoning behind the construction of a grand legislature building. A Russian cultural delegation was visiting Bangalore and Hanumanthaiah took them around to show the city. Stung by their comments, Hanumanthaiah vowed to create a monument so magnificent that it would showcase the best of Karnataka's indigenous architectural style. This resulted in the Vidhana Soudha, the seat of Legislature in Karnataka.

Later life

After resigning as Chief Minister shortly before the Unification of Karnataka in 1956, he moved on to national politics. He was continuously elected as a member of parliament representing Bangalore city from 1962 to 1977.

He was member of the 3rd(1962), 4th(1967) and 5th(1971) Loksabha [2]. During this period he served as minister in the Union cabinet handling a number of portfolio's such as Railways, Industries etc. In the 1971 elections, he defeated the poet Gopalkrishna Adiga, who was a candidate of the Jana Sangh. However, he lost to Justice K. S. Hegde of the Janata party in 1977. He died on 1 December 1980.

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Several prominent personalities from the district actively participated in the unification movement but the region got a raw deal in return, then, and even now it is one of the most backward areas of the state

UTTARA KANNADA UNDERDEVELOPED BUT MAGNANIMOUS

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ALONG with Dharwad, Belagavi and Vijayapura, Uttara Kannada district was with Bombay provinces for many decades. When the Belagavi Congress was held in 1924, which was attended by Mahatma Gandhi, the first Karnataka unification conference was also held on the same event where Huilgol Narayana Rao sang 'Udayavagali Namma Cheluva Kannada Nadu'. People of Uttara Kannada also supported the cause which was aiming for a single state based on Kannada demographics.

According to Vishnu Naik, a well-known writer, when it comes to Karnataka's unification movement, Dinakar Desai, Shamrao Vithal Kaikini and Sa Pa Gaonkar were three main persons who participated in the movement.

Along with Alur Venkata Rao and other leaders, Desai and Kaikini took main roles in the unification movement. Shamrao Vithal Kaikini, who basically hails from Bhatkal taluk, was settled in Dharwad, and he took lead role in strengthening the Karnataka Vidya Vardhak Sangha of Dharwad which was the main body to fight for unification.

"Likewise Dinakar Desai, who was a journalist, also created awareness about the unification through his writings. He also visited most of Kannada speaking regions which were part of of Bombay Karnataka and Hyderabad Karnataka provinces. After studying the villages, Desai, who was interested in history, wrote a research book titled 'The Mahamandaleshwaras under the Chalukyas of Kalyani'.

This helped many commissions to set the boundaries of unified Karnataka," says Naik.

Rohidas Naik, another writer says, "Uttara Kannada was one of the backward districts along with other districts which were included in unified Karnataka. With rich natural resources and thick forests, Uttara Kannada was one of the wealthiest districts, but it was not identified and developed before unification and even till date it is a backward district and is neglected by the both state and union government."

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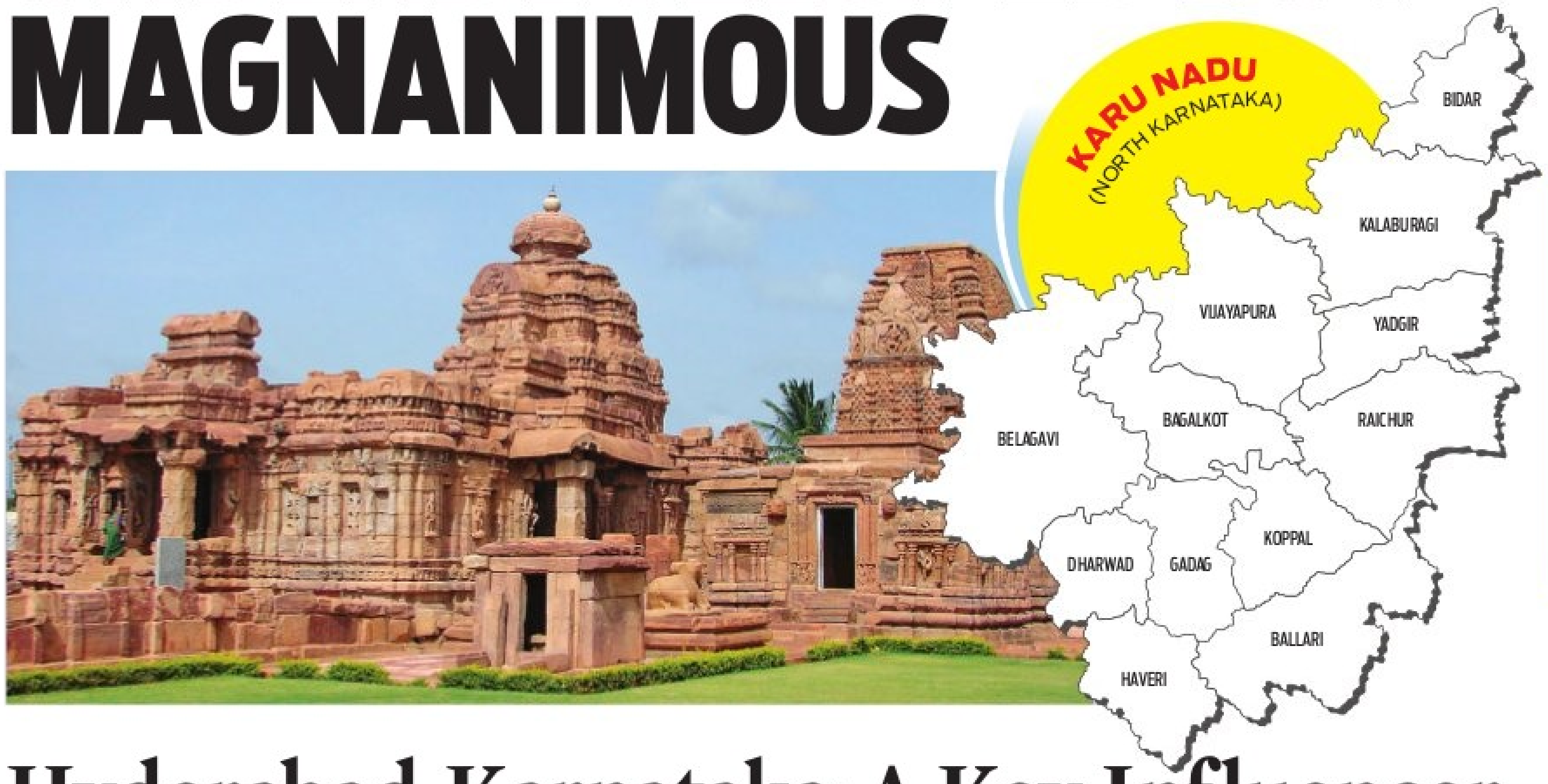

Hyderabad-Karnataka: A Key Influencer

Unification of Karnataka on November 1, 1956 based on linguistic and demographic accounts could not have been a reality had Hyderabad- Karnataka region not been liberated from the clutches of Nizam's rule. Though the country gained Independence on August 15, 1947, Hyderabad province, ruled by the Nizam and comprising the present Koppal district, desisted to join the union of Indian states.

Subsequently, the Hyderabad-Karnatka region was liberated through military forces on September 17, 1948.

Set up in 1922, Vidyananda Gurukul Education Trust (VGET), running education institutions in Kukanoor town of Koppal district, has produced many freedom fighters who fought both the freedom of India and liberation of Hydeabad-Karnataka region from the Nizam's rule.

In fact, districts such as Bidar, Kalaburagi, and Raichur were also under the rule of Nizam's kingdom. According to VGET's present secretary, Krishna R Kulkarni, VGET could produce freedom fighters despite being under the rule of Nizam. "Amid invasion of Urdu language during the Nizam rule, VGET strove for survival of Kannada language," he said and added that a few noteworthy among them include Bhimasenarao Desai from Benakal village, who became martyr during movement for liberation of Hyderabad-Karnataka region, Bhimajja from Muradi village, Raghavendrao Desai, the founder of VGET and Aniruddah Desai, the present working president of the VGET and retired IAS officer.

"Many agitators were imprisoned during year-long Hyderabad-Karnataka liberation movement. Those who chipped in with their service for the movement included Trilochana Dixit from Kalburgi, Tirumalarao Desai from Hyderabad, Datturao Desai from Arakeri village near Koppal, Vamadeva Dixit from Bengaluru, M G SHastrimath from Dharwad, Sadashiva Rajapurohit from Raichur and Ranganathachar Joshi from Mudhol village in Yelburga taluk of Koppal district," Kulkarni recalled.

KARNATAKA TRIVIA

① In the Princely State of Mysore the Boy Scout Movement was started in early 1918/1919 with the active patronage of the royalty. The Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar not only gave generous grants for the movement but also appointed his brother Yuvaraja Sri Kantirava Narasimharaja Wodeyar as the Chief Scout; who mong the royal personages in India was the first to appear in public rallies in khaki shirt and shorts, the uniform of the scouts.

② The colossal statue of Bahubali was probably cut out of big rock which stood on the spot as it would have been an impossible task to transport a granite mass of such size up the oval hill side. The statue is carved in fine grained light grey granite rock. It looks as bright and clean as if it had just come from the chisel of the artist. A noteworthy thing to be observed is that thought the statue is 57 feet tall, flying birds do not sit or take rest on the head of the image or any portion of the image and spoil the beauty though it is open to sun and rain.

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ANTIQUITY OF KANNADA AND KARNATAKA

Understanding the evolution of Kannada language, its influence on an entire region of the country and dissection of its meaning by various experts

KANNADA is a language which is ancient, rich and has had a continuous tradition. Belonging to the Dravidian family, Kannada is next only to Tamil in antiquity.

According to Jaina tradition, Braahmi, the daughter of Rishabhadeva, the first Thirthankara invented the Kannada script. The land of Karnataka once upon a time extended from the River Kaveri to River Godavari as pointed out by the author of Kavirajamarga, a work of the 9th century A.D.

That this area is abounding with numerous inscriptions in Kannada language and script is the proof of this statement. According to Balagangadhar Tilak, the people of Karnataka and Maharashtra spoke one language and that was Kannada. According to historian Rajawade, nearly half of the place names in Maharashtra are Kannada names and even today there is a town in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra bearing the name Kannada (Kannad).

In Sanskrit literature the regions comprising Karnataka and other southern states have been referred as Dakshina and Draavida, while it was known as Deccan by the Muslim rulers. Several parts of Karnataka have been referred in the Puranas and epics in different terms.

For instance the coastal regions of Karnataka have been called Parashurama Kshetra as it is believed to have been created by him. Similarly the region around Bellary district is called Kishkinda, the place where the Vanaras lived. Some northern parts of Karnataka are referred as Kunthala while the southern parts of Karnataka, around Mysore region is mentioned as Mahishamandala.

According to Father Heras , an archeologist and historian in India, Karnataka was known by the name Kannanir during the time when the urban civilization at Mohenjo-Daro was flourishing. The Portuguese who entered Karnataka through what is now known as North Kanara district called the land of Karnataka and its people as Canarijs. The English called the whole of the region comprising the territory from River Krishna to Cape Comorin as Carnatic.

This was because during the time they settled on the east coast of India, the whole of this region was administered by the Vijayanagara dynasty who called their realm as Karnaata and Krishnadevaraya one of their famous ruler had the title 'Karnaata Mahisa' that is 'Lord of Karnaata'. Thus the region of Karnataka was known since ancient times not only in North India but also in the south, especially to the people of Tamilnadu and reference to the name Karnataka is found in the Puranas, the epic Mahabharata, Brihathsamhitha of Varahamihira and ancient Tamil works like *Tolkappiyam* and *Shilappadikaram*.

Meaning of Kannada

With regards to the question how the term Kannada and Karnataka came to be applied to the language spoken by the people and to this land respectively, scholars have interpreted in various ways. According to Bishop Caldwell the term Karnaata or Karnataka is said to have been a generic term including both the Kannada and Telugu peoples and their languages, though it is admitted that it usually denoted the former alone. And through Karnaata that the abbreviated form Kannadam has been appropriated. Some scholars suggest that the original name of this land was Kannada and Karnaata its Sanskritised form, while others take Karnaata as the original name and Kannada its derivative. Hence Karnaata means both Kannada language and Karnataka the land. According to Prof. R.Thathacharya, a scholar, many Kannada poets like Andayya, Sahajananda and Sachidananda have used the word Kannadi for Kannada in their poems.

The meaning of Kannadi is mirror (that which reflects) and the word *kannadisu* in Kannada language means to articulate or to speak in Kannada. Hence there is a possibility for the word Kannada to be derived from the word *Kannadi*. According to European scholars like Kittel, Caldwell and Gundert the name Karnaata is derived from *kari* (black) and *nadu* (country) as the land is full of black soil. In Mackenzie MSS, the derivation of Karnataka is given as Karna+ataka, meaning this honoured and renowned country. Karnaata might perhaps be karna + ata, meaning pleasing to the ear (the words spoken); the sweet musical Canarese as opined by Col Meadows Taylor.

The first major royal dynasty to rule over parts of Karnataka was that of the Shatavahanas which had many rulers with the name Shatakarni. Hence A.P.Karmarkar in his work *Cultural History of Karnataka* opines that Kannada or Karnataka is derived from the word Karna or Karni present in the name Shatakarni. One of the rulers of this dynasty had the name *Kunthala Shatakarni* and from this it can be inferred that the people named their land after their rulers. Similarly there is a view that Kannada is derived from *Kam* or *Kammittu* which means fragrance + nadu (country) as this land is full of the aromatic sandal wood trees. Another view is that as Karnataka is in an elevated region, it was known as karu (elevated) + nadu; and from that word the name Kannada was derived.

Major parts of Karnataka are situated in the Deccan Plateau and are therefore an elevated country. The name Karnataka may also have been derived as this land was originally settled by two tribes called *karna* and

Old-Kannada inscription of AD 1220 (Hoysala Empire) at Ishwara temple of Arasikere town in the Hassan district
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KARNATAKA TRIVIA

① The British connection with Bangalore began in 1809 when they established a cantonment here for stationing their troops. Soon Bangalore began to grow and within a century was ranked next to Madras in South India.

② Lalbagh, the original garden of about 40 acres which was laid down by Hyder Ali was expanded during the rule of the British Commissioners and the Wodeyars. After the fall of Tipu in 1799 Lalbagh was owned by a military botanist, Major Waugh, who in 1819 gave the garden as a gift to the Governor General Marquess of Hasting. When Mark Cubbon became the Commissioner of Mysore he handed over the garden to a Horticultural Society, and in 1842 the Society was handed over to the government.

③ The various forms of folk literature in Kannada can be found in the form of stories, riddles, proverbs and ballads. In folk dance we have dance like Karadi kunita, Kamsale, Kolata, Veeragaase, Nandidwaja kunita, etc. In folk theater we have plays like Yakshagana, Dodaata, Sanaata and puppetry like Sutrada bombe aata and Togalu bombe aata.

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Programmes Offered	Estd. during	UG	PG	Ph.D
Civil Engineering	1962	✓	✓	✓
Mechanical Engineering	1962	✓	✓	✓
Electrical & Electronics Engineering	1962	✓		✓
Electronics & Communication Engineering	1971	✓	✓	✓
Automobile Engineering	1980	✓		✓
Industrial & production Engineering	1980	✓		✓
Computer Science & Engineering	1983	✓	✓	✓
Master of Computer Science (MCA)	1992		✓	✓
Information Science & Engineering	2000	✓		✓
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	2009		✓	✓

Research Activities:
70 160 110 10 20 800 1100
Ph.D Guides
Ph.D by Research-Scholors
Ph.D Awardees
M.Sc by Research-Scholors
M.Sc Awardees
Publications - Journals
Publications -Conferences

Centre of Excellence:
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- High Voltage Insulation Lab – Dept. of EEE.
- Centre for Alternate Energy Resource – (CAER)
- Internet of Things lab - Dept. of Computer Science & Engg.
- Network forensics lab - Dept. of Information Science & Engg.

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Visible: Admin block(1), Placement cell(2), Deaprtment of - MBA(3), CS(4), EEE(5), Civil(6), MCA(7), Mechanical(8), IS(9), Automobile(10), ECE(11), Boys Hostel(12), Sports facilities(13).

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Training and Placement: Our recruiters

Placement Satistics For Last Five Years

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
Total No.of Eligible Students, regularly who participated in placement activities and campus drives.	476	468	391	436	426
Total Offer	413	424	320	350	372
% of Students placed	86.8	90.6	81.8	80.3	87.3

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ARCHITECTS OF KARNATAKA

DR. DEVARAJ Urs (20 August 1915 – 6 June 1982) served two terms as the 8th Chief Minister of Karnataka (1972–77, 1978–80). He entered politics in 1952 and was an MLA for 10 years. When the Indian National Congress split in 1969 as Samstha and Indira Congress, he stood with Indira Gandhi.

Urs entered politics in 1952 by contesting the first elections held in the country after it attained independence. At this time, the Maharaja was still the head of state in Mysore (until 1956), the state retained the same boundaries as before independence, and the Arasu community was entrenched in the countryside due to centuries of ties with village communities. Urs easily won a seat to the state legislature and served as a member of the legislative assembly for ten years (two successive terms).

After several political struggles, Urs had practically retired from politics when the first Congress split took place in 1969, and the Syndicate formed the Congress (O) (for "Organisation") while Indira Gandhi formed the Congress (R). The Congress (O), under S. Nijalingappa, Veerendra Patil, Ramakrishna Hegde and Deve Gowda dominated Karnataka electorally and had a majority in the state assembly, but Urs declined an invitation to join it. Instead, he agreed to lead the Congress (R) in the state and helped win all the 27 seats at the 1971 Lok Sabha elections and majority in the 1972 legislative assembly elections.

KARNATAKA TRIVIA

① Between 2011-12 and 2017-18, the GSDP of the state grew at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 13.11 per cent to reach Rs12.69 trillion (US$ 196.88 billion) and the net state domestic product (NSDP) grew at a CAGR of 12.83 per cent to reach Rs 11.45 trillion (US$ 177.68 billion).

② Karnataka evolved as the manufacturing hub for some of the largest public sector industries of India after India's independence. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited which is dedicated to research and development activities for indigenous fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force employs over 9,500 employees making it one of the largest public sector employers in Karnataka.

③ Starting in the 1980s, Karnataka emerged as the information technology capital of the country. A total of 1973 companies in Karnataka are involved in Information Technology related business. The origin of the growth of the software industry in Karnataka seems to have been the entry of Texas Instruments which was the first multinational to set up base in Bangalore in 1985.

④ Though most software companies are located in Bangalore, some have settled in other cities like Mysore, Mangalore, Belgaum and Hubli in Karnataka. The Nandi Hills area in Devanahalli outskirts is the site of the upcoming $22 Billion, 12,000-acre (49 km2) BIAL IT Investment Region, one of the largest infrastructure projects in the history of Karnataka. This endeavor expected to create four million jobs over by the year 2030.

⑤ International Tech Park commonly called ITPL and ITPB is located in Whitefield, Bangalore, 18 km from the city centre. It is managed by Ascendas. It includes the 450,000 square foot Park Square Mall, several sporting arenas and the Vivanta by Taj hotel. It is the oldest tech park of Bengaluru and is located in Whitefield cluster. It was created as a result of a joint venture between India and Singapore in January 1994. It is a large facility, comprising 10 buildings.

Homes with Modern Outlook by Prakash Homes

PRAKASH HOMES

We are providing affordable homes at Revadihal which have rich amenities and are of world-class. We will also provide transportation facility to those who want to visit our housing project from Chennamma circle in Hubballi.

- Prakash Joshi, M.D. of Shri Datta Infratech Pvt Ltd

Owning a home is a dream of every middle class family and they earn years together to buy one, many taking loans and struggling to repay.

Nowadays, a home costs Rs 50 to 60 lakh in and nearby towns. Hence, to cater to the needs of a common man, Shri Datta Infratech company has come forward giving homes at Rs. 52 lakh at Revadihal village, near Hubballi town. The whole area is developed as Datta Nagar and houses of Prakash Homes are attracting people in hoardes.

Prakash Homes is one of the main projects of Shri Datta Infratech and they build homes of 30X40 or 2-3 BHK which are now in demand.

"After the lockdown, many people working in metros have returned to their natives and are now living with their relatives and parents. But many of them are feeling that they may be inconvenienced by their parents or homes they are living in have become small. As a result, many prefer to buy new homes in Hubballi and surrounding areas. Loooking and studying the demand, Shri Datta Infratech Company came forward," said Prakash Joshi, MD of Shri Datta Infratech Pvt. Ltd.

The Datta nagar extension area is also providing a free club house and swimming pool facility for their customers. There will be a transportation facility from Chennamma circle to this extension. The investment here is not only to live but also helpful as an investment.

People who buy homes here will be rest assured as the demand price will go up year by year. The house owners of this project can give the houses for rent. This project has also got approval from all Nationalised banks.

Amenities

"The homes have cots, a dining table, sofa, AC, Fridge, Solar Inverter, Gas Stove, Chimni, POP Hall and more. Other amenities are Club house, Party Hall, landscaped garden with kids play area and ample parking space. Cab facility to bus station, railway station and airport will be provided," said Joshi.

Homes will be handed over in January

Prakash Homes has started a project 'Housing for All' -- *Sarvariguu Sooru* at an affordable price of Rs 10 lakh at Revadihal. Now the demand is more and hence they are constructing 200 houses. They are handing over 10 homes in the initial stages in January first week.

For details, contact: 82175 22931, 81057 30878, 90600 10299

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(ಬೃಹತ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮಧ್ಯಮ ನೀರಾವರಿ)

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ನಮ್ಮ ನದಿ, ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛವಾಗಿಡುವಂತಹ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ
ನಮ್ಮ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಜಲಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ರಕ್ಷಿಸೋಣ,
ಕೋವಿಡ್ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸೋಣ,
ಪರಿಸರ ಸ್ನೇಹಿ ದೀಪಾವಳಿ ಆಚರಿಸೋಣ

ಸಮಸ್ತ ಜನತೆಗೆ ದೀಪಾವಳಿ ಹಬ್ಬದ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸಚಿವರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ರಮೇಶ್ ಜಾರಕಿಹೊಳಿ** ಅವರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಾಮರ್ಶಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

- ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನಿರಂತರ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನದ ಫಲವಾಗಿ ಮಹದಾಯಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣದ ಐತೀರ್ಪಿನ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ 27.02.2020 ರಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಮಹದಾಯಿ ನಾಲಾ ತಿರುವು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಶೀಘ್ರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ದೊರೆತಿದೆ
- ರೂ.306.71 ಕೋಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ 4800 ಹೆ. ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸೌಕೂರು, ಎಣ್ಣೆಹೊಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಲುವಡ್ಡಹಳ್ಳ ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೆತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ.

ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

- ಮೇಕೆದಾಟು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ವಿವರವಾದ ಯೋಜನಾ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ತೀರುವಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಜಲ ಆಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ, ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ EIA & EMP ವರದಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಲು Team of References (TOR) ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪರಿಸರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಮಾನ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯದ (MoEF&CC) ತೀರುವಳಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಜಲ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಶಾಸನಬದ್ಧ ತೀರುವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ತ್ವರಿತವಾಗಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಕ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

- ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಮೇಲ್ದಂಡೆ ಯೋಜನೆ ಹಂತ 3ರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ. 10,000 ಕೋಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಅನುದಾನ ಘೋಷಣೆ
- ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಮೇಲ್ದಂಡೆ ಯೋಜನೆ ಹಂತ–3 ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ನೀಡಿ, 7311 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಭೂಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಸೃಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

- ಭದ್ರಾ ಮೇಲ್ದಂಡೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಭದ್ರಾ ಜಲಾಶಯದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕವಾಗಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ವಾಣಿವಿಲಾಸ ಸಾಗರಕ್ಕೆ 3.48 ಟಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
- ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎತ್ತಿನಹೊಳೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಏತ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಗುರುತ್ವ ಕಾಲುವೆಯ 33 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಿ ವೇದಾ ವ್ಯಾಲಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕವಾಗಿ ನೀರು ಹರಿಸಲು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ರೂಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

UNIVERSITY MOTTO

The true potential of India's youth can be harnessed through access to Higher Education. Chitradurga District has been declared by the UGC as one of the educationally backward district in Karnataka. Nearly 55% of the student population of Davangere University jurisdiction belongs to SC/STs, OBCs and Minorities. Davangere University strives to provide equal opportunities by giving emphasis in enhancing the participation of Girl students, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Minorities, Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and persons with Disabilities, in its pursuit to create the Knowledge Society, through equality and social justice for the sustainable development.

ACADEMICS

Graduate and Post-Graduate programmes of the University are offered under four Faculties viz., the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Commerce and Management, the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Science and Technology. There are 36 Post Graduate Departments of Studies and Research on the main campus offering various Post - Graduate Programmes and a few Diploma Courses in various Faculties, catering to the educational needs of more than 65,000 students.

Under Faculty of Arts the courses offered are - M.A. in Kannada, Criminology, Economics, English, Fashion Technology, History, Hindi, Journalism and Mass Communication, Music and Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work,Urdu and Visual Arts.Under the Faculty of Commerce and Management - Master of Commerce (M.Com.) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) Courses are offered. Under Faculty of Education - Master of Education, Master of Physical Education, Bachelor of Physical Education Courses are offered. Under Faculty of Science and Technology, the courses offered are - M.Sc. in Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics, Environmental Science, Food Technology, Library and Information Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, Yogic Science and Zoology.

In addition to these, there are 10 Post Graduate Courses are also offered at the Post Graduate Centre, Chitradurga. For the benefit of Student Community, the University has sanctioned 11 Post Graduate courses offered by the Affiliated Colleges. The University has a total of 255 acres of land at its 05 Campuses; Shiva Gangotri, Jnana Gangotri, College of Visual Arts, Haluvarthi and Ulupinakatte near Davangere and at Turuvanuru near Chitradurga.

JNANA SOUDHA

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS TRAINING CENTRE

The Competitive Examinations Training Centre has been established during the Academic year 2019-20, at the University College of Visual Arts Campus,Davangere for the benefit of Student aspirants of Davangere University to enable them to appear for various types of Competitive Examinations like IAS, IPS, IFS, KAS, Railway & Banking Service Examinations.

NEW CONSTITUENT COLLEGE

The Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka vide its Order Dated: 05.09.2020, transferred the Government First Grade College, Turuvanurur, Chitradurga District to Davangere University from the Academic year 2020-21. Accordingly, the said College has been handed-over to the University by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education though its Regional Joint Director, Shimoga. Hence the University has invited Applications for BA/B.Com/BBA courses for the Academic year 2020-21. Besides, the University has also decided to introduce a new Four Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme at Turuvanuru Constituent College from this Academic year 2020-21 as per the guidelines prescribed by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Government of India. The Candidates who have passed 10+2 Course (PUC) OR equivalent course are eligible for admission to BA/B.Com/BBA and also Four Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme at this University Constituent College, Turuvanuru, Chitradurga Taluk and District.

The MoU made between Davangere University and the University of Paris-Saclay ENS Paris-Saclay, France for undertaking collaborative Research activities in the area of Mathematics and Engineering Mathematics.

AFFILIATED COLLEGES

There are 125 Affiliated Colleges existed in Davangere and Chitradurga districts. Out of these there are 25 Government Colleges, 28 Grant in Aid Private Colleges, 69 Private Management Colleges, in which General Degree Courses in 86 Degree Colleges; B.Ed. Degree in 32 Colleges and Physical Education in 03 colleges are offered. 01 Autonomous College and 02 Constituent Colleges providing Special Courses as well as General Degree Courses for the benefit of Students. In total there are more than 65,000 students are pursuing in various Degree and Diploma Courses.

Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
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The MoU made between Davangere University and Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh represented by its Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. T.V. Kattimani, to develop "Innovation Centre for Tribal drugs, culture and traditions".

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES ON THE MAIN CAMPUS, SHIVAGANGOTHRI

There are four Academic Blocks constructed at the Main Campus, Shivagangotri. viz., Biosciences Block, Institute of Management Studies and Humanities Block, Chemistry and Physics Block and Commerce and Economics Block. All the Academic & Research activities are being conducted in these Blocks. There are two more Academic Blocks constructed at Post Graduate Centre, Jnana Gangotri for Arts and Commerce Courses and another for Science Courses. Each Academic Block has an independent Auditorium to organize Seminars/Conferences/Symposia. Adequate ICT infrastructure facilities with about 300 well-configured PCs with LAN and broad-band connectivity are available on the Main Campus for use by the Faculty, Researchers and Students to enable them to get easy access to e-resources. During 2011, this University was provided with network connectivity under NMEICT Project by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. Recently the entire University Campus at ShivaGangotri is enabled with Wi-Fi connectivity. All the Academic, Administrative staff and the Students have accessibility to secure Wi-Fi Network Facilities.

INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDINGS AND UNITS IN DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY

The Intellectual Property Rights Cell of the University has been inaugurated through ONLINE by Dr. C.N. ASHWATH NARAYANA, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka and the Pro-Chancellor of the University on 18.08.2020. Prof. S.V. Halse, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor was present on this occasion.

During his visit to the University, Dr. C.N. ASHWATH NARAYANA, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka and the Pro-Chancellor of the University has inaugurated the Social (Ist Floor) Science Block and the University Guest House on 12.09.2020. He had interaction with the University Faculty Members and also Researchers regarding Academic and Research Activities.

SEMINARS/WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

This University has conducted 17-Conferences; 42-Seminars and 186-Workshops in all the Post Graduate Departments (ONLINE & OFFLINE) for the benefit of Faculty Members under Faculty Development Programme/Research Scholars/Students. During the Pandemic COVID-19 holidays, our Faculty members have engaged ONLINE classes to all the Post-Graduate Students. Many Webinars and Workshops have been conducted inviting Subject Experts from all subjects to deliver Special Lectures through ONLINE for the benefit of Faculty Members working in Affiliated Colleges and also they have been motivated to engage ONLINE classes to their respective Students.

FROM THE DESK OF THE HON' BLE VICE-CHANCELLOR,

PROF. S.V. HALSE

This University has completed 10 Years on 18.08.2018. The Decennial Programmes were inaugurated by Prof A.B. Kulkarni, Former Deputy President, Technology University, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies on 30.08.2018. The University has organized various National/ International level Conferences, Seminars and Special Lectures in all the Post Graduate Departments of Studies and Research during the Decennial Academic Year 2018-20. In commemoration of the Decennial Year, some of the specialized Post Graduate Programs like Yogic Science, Music, Physical Education and Criminology have been established at the University Main Campus, Davangere and also some Post Graduate Science Courses at the P.G. Center, Chitradurga. The Post Graduate Programmes in Hindi, Urdu, Philosophy, Music and Performing Arts and Fashion Technology have been established in the Faculty of Arts and the Post Graduate Programmes in Statistics, Psychology, Environmental Science and Library and Information Science have been established in the Faculty of Science & Technology during this Academic Year 2020-21. The University has made a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University of Malaya, Kaulalampur, Malasiya for undertaking collaborative Research activities in the area of Computer Science and Information Technology. Further that the Post Graduate Department of Mathematics has made a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Paris-Saclay ENS Paris-Saclay, France for undertaking collaborative Research activities in the area of Mathematics and Engineering Mathematics. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been made on 18.09.2020, between Davangere University represented by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.V. Halse and Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh represented by its Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. T.V. Kattimani, to develop "Innovation Centre for Tribal drugs, culture and traditions" and also empower Tribal Youth with their Traditional Practices by Scientific Training and make them self-reliant. During the 7th Annual Convocation of this University held on 30-09-2020, the Honoris Causa Degree (Honorary Degree) has been conferred on Mathoshri Pujya Dakshayani S. Appa as per the Orders of His Excellency the Chancellor. Further that 61 M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees; 1592-Post Graduate Degrees and 8441-Under Graduate Degrees have been awarded. English Language/ Computer Training Laboratories have been established to train our Post Graduate Students coming from the rural areas of this University Jurisdiction.